

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Oak Island's General Revaluation Report in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used to continue work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the General Reevaluation Report study to become a federal beach as a precursor to partnering with the Corps on future beach management projects.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because regular beach nourishment is vital to the Town's economy, as well as the economy of southeastern North Carolina. The Town also maintains water and sewer infrastructure along the beach which would be negatively impacted by erosion. The Town would incur significant expense in moving infrastructure that serves hundreds of homes on the beachfront, second row, third row, and waterway side of the island.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-260) and Section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1966 (PL 89-789).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

