

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

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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 Cape Fear to the North Carolina-South Carolina State line authorization in Fiscal Year 2027. 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 feasibility 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 economy of southeastern North Carolina. The high cost per capita and technical expertise required to independently fund beach nourishment is a significant challenge for the future, and the Corps' expertise in identifying new sand sources and evaluating shoreline management strategies that will ensure the long-term viability of the community is needed.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1201(b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-272) 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,

