

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 Lockwood Folly Inlet Navigation Maintenance project 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 dredge the Lockwood Folly Inlet at the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina.

The project appropriately uses taxpayer funds because maintaining navigable depths in Lockwood Folly Inlet is essential to the local and regional economy and public safety. Discussions involving the Corps, the United States Coast Guard, and local stakeholders resulted in a plan that necessitates regular dredging to achieve preferred navigability and to keep the inlet in a condition in which a dredging plant can adequately respond when maintenance is required. The Lockwood Folly Inlet frequently experiences dangerous conditions because shoaling reaches minimal depths for navigation, and the dredge plant cannot work to alleviate the matter.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by River and Harbor Acts of 1890, 1960 and 1980 (Section 107) as amended (Public Law 86-645).

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

Sincerely,

