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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the repairing and enhancing shoreline protection along Harborview Road in the Town of Hull in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Hull, located at 9 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, MA 02045. The funding would be used to repair and enhance approximately 2300 feet of shoreline protection along Harborview Road on the northern shoreline of Hull, Massachusetts. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because not only will the project protect the relatively low-lying Town of Hull from increased flooding risk, but also protect the existing sewer force main that is buried approximately five to eight feet below the existing shoreline protections. Protecting the sewer line is imperative for maintaining public health and safety. A breach of the sewer with the risk of contamination could result in health hazards to residents of Hull and beyond and has the potential to create a major public health crisis. Protecting the sewer line also serves to safeguard the surrounding marine environment. A breach in the sewer line due to erosion or storm damage could result in the discharge of raw sewage into nearby water bodies, causing pollution and harm to aquatic ecosystems.

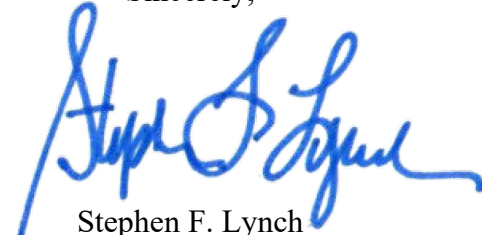
Additionally, the area landward of the retaining wall and above the sewer line has a coastal bank approximately fifty feet high with several adjacent homes and the Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School, Hull's only elementary school. By repairing and enhancing the deteriorating retaining wall and shoreline, the stability of the surrounding area would be bolstered against the impacts projected sea level rise through 2070 as well as enhancing the safety and security of school students and Hull taxpayers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section

1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Sincerely,



Stephen F. Lynch
Member of Congress