



# American Coastal Coalition

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The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann  
Chairman  
Energy & Water Development Subcommittee  
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
Ranking Member  
Energy & Water Development Subcommittee  
2314 Rayburn Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Fleischmann and Ranking Member Kaptur,

On behalf of the American Coastal Coalition and its nationwide membership of coastal communities, I am writing to request \$200 million in the Fiscal Year 2027 Energy and Water Development Bill for the Corps of Engineers to construct beach nourishment and coastal protection projects across the country. This level of funding is critical to ensure the Corps of Engineers can carry out all federally authorized beach nourishment projects each year to protect coastal communities from coastal storms and flooding.

Fiscal Year 2026 included \$83.8 million for construction of beaches, a significant improvement over the zero dollars provided in Fiscal Year 2025. However, two important projects – Tybee Island, Georgia, and Cape May City, New Jersey – received no federal support, leaving their coastlines exposed to erosion and storm damage and threatening the economy and livelihoods of their local communities. This is a direct result of insufficient congressional funding for beach nourishment.

At least \$200 million in federal funding must be made available for USACE coastal storm risk management projects to ensure coastal communities can protect vulnerable infrastructure and habitats from hurricanes, storm surge, and sea level rise. According to a 2024 report by the US Army Corps of Engineers, beach nourishment projects deliver an exceptional return on investment for coastal tourism economies, generating \$4,600 in economic output, taxes, and direct spending for every \$1 spent on renourishment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you to secure this critical funding so our nation's coastal communities can continue to thrive.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
American Coastal Coalition