



American Coastal Coalition

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The Honorable John Kennedy
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann
2187 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
2314 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairs Kennedy and Fleischmann and Ranking Members Murray and Kaptur,

The American Coastal Coalition, representing America's Coastal Communities, urges Congress to provide at least \$200 million in federal funding for the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to carry out beach nourishment and other water resources projects to bolster our nation's coastal communities from natural disasters.

Congress typically provides roughly \$200 million annually in support of USACE coastal projects. As a result of the Continuing Appropriations Act of 2025, which enacted the same level of funding in Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 that was provided in FY2024, USACE was unable to fund any beach nourishment projects despite funding requests made by local USACE districts, further contributing to the Agency's growing backlog.

In order to enable USACE to undertake its scheduled work, in addition to backlog projects and to avoid delays in future work, USACE must receive adequate funding to continue coastal protection and restoration efforts in the United States. ACC urges Congress to act immediately to avoid further decline of our nation's beaches and protect America's coastal communities from the increasing risks of sea level rise, flooding and hurricanes.

We look forward to working with you on this matter of critical importance.

Sincerely,

Dan Ginolfi
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