

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairperson, Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
The Capitol H-307
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Dear Chairman Rogers,

As you know, Hurricane Sandy has devastated New Jersey, leaving many residents without their primary residence and many more without basic utilities. With the federal and state disaster declarations in place, it is obvious Sandy recovery efforts will continue into the unforeseeable future and it is important that Congress acts quickly to ensure the families and communities impacted by this disaster have the resources they need to recover as quickly as possible.

Along with severe damages to homes, businesses, and infrastructure, the Army Corps of Engineers' (ACOE) shoreline protection projects in New Jersey have suffered extensive damages that will require significant federal dollars to return them to pre-storm conditions and provide residents with necessary storm protection. When Hurricane Sandy struck New Jersey, areas that had shoreline protection installed (such as a dune system) sustained minimum damage. However, with the dunes performing as well as they did, some were completely decimated and some were severely damaged. We must now invest and rebuild them in order to continue protecting New Jersey.

As the ACOE continues to analyze and prepare damage estimates to repair their projects, we respectfully request your assistance to provide the necessary additional emergency funding to the Flood Control and Coastal Emergency (FCCE) account as part of an emergency supplemental bill. Such funding will allow the ACOE to restore these projects to pre-storm conditions and provide New Jersey with critical storm, surge, and flood protection.

While the full extent of Sandy's destruction is still unknown, we look forward to working with you to help our families and businesses recover and we stand ready to provide any additional information to help expedite our request.

Thank you for your consideration,


Congressman Frank LoBiondo


Congressman Chris Smith

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