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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the 24th Avenue North Ocean Outfall – Landward Phase in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used to construct the landward portion of the 24th Avenue North Ocean Outfall, which will connect the existing city stormwater system to the seaward dual 84-inch outfall pipes that are currently under construction. This project will significantly reduce chronic flooding in a major beachfront corridor, protect critical infrastructure, improve water quality, and support one of the largest tourism economies in the southeastern United States.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it mitigates flood risks, enhances community and economic resilience, improves public health through water quality benefits, and protects a region that generates more than \$12 billion in annual tourism revenue. The project area supports thousands of local jobs and is vital to the economic and environmental sustainability of Myrtle Beach and the broader Grand Strand.

The project has a federal nexus because it is authorized under Section 219(f)(309) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–580), as amended.

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

Sincerely,

Russell Fry Member of Congress