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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Grand Strand Offshore Sand Search Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the US Army Corps of Engineers, located at 69A Hagood Ave, Charleston, SC 29403, for a project on the Grand Strand in South Carolina District 7. The funding would be used to undertake a study to identify an offshore borrow site for future beach renourishment efforts.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing borrow site is fully depleted, requiring the Corps to identify a new borrow to complete scheduled renourishments and post-disaster repairs. Additionally, a nourished beach provides critical infrastructure protection for billions of dollars in coastal property and infrastructure that are constantly at risk from coastal storms and flooding. Without a new offshore source of sand, the North Myrtle Beach community will be left exposed to coastal threats.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 101 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Russell Fry  
Member of Congress