

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

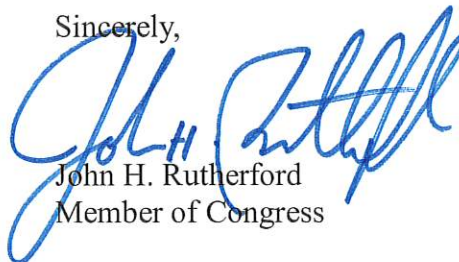
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the rehabilitation of dune walkovers in Neptune Beach, FL in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Neptune Beach, located at 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266. The funding would be used for the construction and rehabilitation of the city's dune walkovers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would create defined stable access points to important natural resources, increase environmental stewardship and support natural dune recovery. Dunes serve as essential natural barriers, absorbing storm surges, reducing coastal erosion, buffering the communities against flood risks, and preserving wildlife's natural habitats. This project will restore the city's walkovers and elevate them to meet the new dune heights, safeguard the recently enhanced dune system.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John H. Rutherford", is written over the typed name and title.

John H. Rutherford
Member of Congress