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May 22, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Flood Mitigation Project in Paterson, New Jersey in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Passaic County, located at 401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505. The funding would be used to acquire 20 vacant, privately-owned lots in downtown Paterson, along the Passaic River, and to secure the site with an easement to maintain it as open space in perpetuity. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the site is subject to severe and repetitive flooding, and has experienced flood events several times per year with significant damage to property and risk of civilian life.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nellie Pou".

Nellie Pou  
Member of Congress