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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

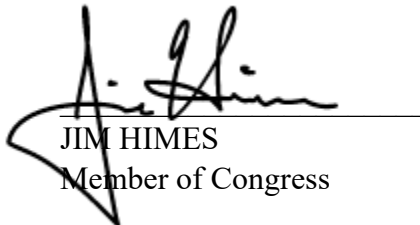
I am requesting funding for the Sliver by the River: Pequonnock River Salt Marsh Restoration in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bridgeport, located at 999 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604.

The funding would be used to remove impervious surfaces and restore native salt marshes, tidal channels, and tidal pools along the Pequonnock River. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide flood control for essential City facilities, including the Fire Station Headquarters, United Illuminating substation, Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority terminal, and the Metro-North rail line. It will restore natural buffers and help protect these assets from storm surge, sea level rise, and chronic flooding.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 black ink, appearing to read "Jim Himes", written over a horizontal line.

JIM HIMES
Member of Congress