

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0918

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Terrence C. "Rock" Salt  
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The Pentagon  
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Washington, DC 20310

Dear Mr. Salt:

It was truly a pleasure meeting you and discussing the work of the Army Corps of Engineers and its importance to my congressional district and our country. I write to request that the Army Corps of Engineers use funds appropriated in the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 to assist Martin, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties with damages suffered from then-Hurricane Sandy.

As you know, Congress recently passed the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 allocating \$50.4 billion to assist with the significant impact of Sandy. The new law appropriates new funds for the Army Corps of Engineers including \$3.461 billion for construction and \$1.008 billion for flood control and coastal emergencies. While much of the funding is designated for the North Atlantic region, Congress intends for the remaining funds to be used to provide funding for Sandy-related damage and emergency needs that occurred prior to Sandy.<sup>1</sup>

A portion of these funds should be used for beach renourishment in Florida. Hurricane Sandy caused more than \$44 million in damage to the State of Florida, of which 92.3% was damage to beaches. Healthy beaches are an effective barrier against flooding and coastal damage, while impacted beaches are no longer able to protect against preventable destruction. My district in particular, suffered significant damage. Having seen the devastating erosion firsthand, I know that our local beaches and tourism industry are suffering, harming the local economy.

I respectfully urge you to designate the necessary funds to help my district with recovery efforts and beach renourishment from Sandy-related damage. It is crucial that Martin, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties have access to essential resources and technical support from the Army Corps of Engineers that will permit a continued recovery from the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy. Measures that can prevent future damages, like beach renourishment, should be prioritized. I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to a response and continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Patrick E. Murphy  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

<sup>1</sup> Representative Frelinghuysen (NJ). "Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013." Congressional Record (January 15, 2013) p. H113.