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The Honorable Tom Cole Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Bush Terminal Park 5-Acre Oyster Reef Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Billion Oyster Project, Inc. located at Bush Terminal Park, Sunset Park Brooklyn New York 11231. The funding will be used to create a 5-acre reef at Bush Terminal Park that will provide protection to the shoreline considering increasing storm surges. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the reef's construction will provide habitat for thousands of fish, bird and marine animals, while improving the water quality of Bush Terminal Park and the surrounding waterbody, ensuring a cleaner waterfront for local constituents.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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,

Dan Goldman Member of Congress