

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 1, 2023

Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon  
55<sup>th</sup> Chief of Engineers and Commanding General  
United States Army Corps of Engineers  
441 G Street NW  
Washington, DC 20314-1000

Dear General Spellmon,

We are writing to request an extension of the deadline for public comment on the New York and New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Study (NYNJ HATS) proposals from March 7, 2023, to March 31, 2023.

We represent the neighborhoods and constituents, including but not limited to Red Hook and Gowanus, Brooklyn, who have not yet been able to hear directly from USACE representatives about the specific engineering components that have been proposed for these areas in the HATS. Constituents in our district as well as community-based organizations wish to submit comments, but more time is needed. Community-based organizations, including all-volunteer community groups, have been working to meet the deadline despite limited resources to appropriately digest the proposals and compile sound commentary. Constituents have expressed their concerns to us and are looking for more information from USACE before submitting their formal comments.

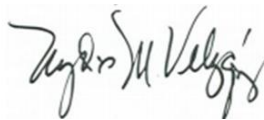
We are requesting just a few more weeks of your agency's time to allow constituents to be able to speak with USACE representatives in a virtual town hall that is being planned, and to properly formulate their thoughts and constructive input on your proposals for their neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Dan Goldman  
Member of Congress



Nydia M. Velázquez  
Member of Congress