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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Gust Lane Flood Mitigation program in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Portsmouth located at 801 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA. The funding would be used to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to the City of Portsmouth residents and to Norfolk Southern Railway associated with future flood events. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it reduces flood risk in the neighborhood, property damage, and will keep roads passable emergency responders.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Sincerely,

Robert C. "Bobby" Scott Member of Congress