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Washington, D.C. 20515

House Foreign Affairs Committee
Subcommittee on Europe
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House Space, Science, and
Technology Committee
Subcommittee on Research and
Technology

March 18, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,950,000 for the Van Dyke Ave Flood Prevention project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the Town of Dewey Beach, DE, located at 105 Rodney Ave, Dewey Beach, DE 19971.

The funding would be used to construct a stormwater pumping station and associated drainage improvements along Van Dyke Avenue to reduce chronic flooding, protect public safety, maintain emergency access on Coastal Highway, and improve stormwater quality before discharge to Rehoboth Bay.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses multiple public needs through one targeted infrastructure investment: it will reduce roadway flooding, protect a primary evacuation and emergency response corridor, improve access for fire, EMS, and law enforcement, remove hazardous exposed outfall pipes from a heavily used public beach, and reduce untreated pollutants, nutrients, and sediments entering Rehoboth Bay from approximately 17.6 acres of developed area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. McBride'.

Sarah McBride
Member of Congress