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The Honorable R.D. James Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works 108 Army Pentagon, Room 3E446 Washington, DC 20310-0108

Dear Assistant Secretary James:

As you allocate construction funding in accordance with Public Law 116-20, the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 (Disaster Relief Act), I respectfully urge you to favorably consider the Princeville Flood Risk Management Project and the Bogue Banks Coastal Storm Risk Management Project. Both projects are critical to the recovery and resiliency of North Carolina following devastation caused by recent hurricanes, including Hurricane Florence.

Flood and storm damage reduction projects have proven their effectiveness here in North Carolina and around the country. They save taxpayer dollars and protect people, infrastructure, and economies. The construction funding Congress provided to the Corps of Engineers in the Disaster Relief Act is intended to support projects, like these two, that are in states damaged by Hurricane Florence, and that will save taxpayer dollars in future storms.

I appreciate your support as North Carolina continues to recover from this destructive storm, and respectfully urge your favorable consideration of these projects.

Sincerely,

Thom Tillis U.S. Senator

Cc: Russ Vought, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget