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Hon. Governor Philip D. Murphy
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VIA EMAIL ONLY: Rebecca.Schwartz@nj.gov

**RE.: Request for Urgently Needed Assistance as to FEMA Denial of
Funding for The Borough of Seaside Park's Bayfront Wave Energy
Dissipation Structure Project (FEMA-DR-4085-NJ-488-R Appeal)**

Dear Governor Murphy:

On behalf of all the residents and visitors to the Borough of Seaside Park, I am asking for the urgently needed assistance from yourself and your office, with respect to FEMA's May 19, 2022, denial of funding for of the Borough of Seaside Park's Bayfront Wave Energy Dissipation Structure Project (FEMA-DR-4095-NJ-488-R Appeal). As your office may already be aware, this wave energy dissipation and living shoreline project, is virtually "shovel ready", as nearly each required, Federal and State permit has been obtained.

Additionally, we had requested an in-person, or if necessary, a zoom meeting, to be conducted with FEMA officials. Borough representatives and I had even volunteered to drive to the Washington D.C. area headquarters of FEMA, if necessary, in order to conduct such a meeting. Despite repeated requests, FEMA officials declined to meet with us.

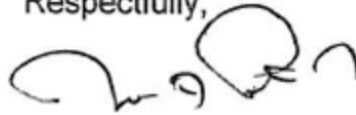
Our partners in these efforts, including Capt. Al. Modjeski of the American Littoral Society and his staff, and Dr. Stewart Farrell and his colleagues of the Stockton University Coastal Center, all stand ready, willing and able to guide us in the implementation and construction phase of this highly acclaimed project. FEMA clearly has discretion to reinstate our 1.2 million dollar grant for partial funding of our efforts. Our appeal of said denial should be granted.

If you need further information or background, please do not hesitate to have your staff reach out to me, or any other individuals involved, including but not limited to

Mr. Anthony Ricci, the project manager of the mitigation unit of the N.J. State Police Office of Emergency Management (Anthony.ricci@njsp.org). Attached hereto, please find a copy of a three (3) page May 19, 2022, FEMA denial letter from David S. Warrington.

Thank you and Rebecca Schwartz and her staff for your immediate assistance.

Respectfully,



Mayor John A. Peterson, Jr.

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Enclosure

cc via email only:

Pam Hilla, RVE

Tom Seaman, Borough of Seaside Park Administrator

Sandy Martin, Borough of Seaside Park Clerk (for distribution to members of the Seaside Park Borough Council)

Charles Appleby, Chairperson of Seaside Park Volunteer Bayfront Committee