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The Honorable Andrew Kim  
United States Senator for New Jersey  
Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kim:

The Taxpayers Association of Seaside Park, NJ is requesting your assistance. Since Super Storm Sandy, our borough has endured repetitive flooding issues along our Bayfront which has yet to be addressed. A July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 meeting was scheduled by Amy Pheiffer, for the Taxpayers Association officers to meet with you in your Toms River office. The officers gave details and showed pictures of the Bayfront flooding. Some weeks later Senator Kim you went to Seaside Park to walk the Bayfront with Mayor Peterson, mitigation experts Dr. Farrell and Captain Alek Modjeski, along with officers from the Taxpayers Association. All viewed first hand flooding problems created by Back Bay wave action. The flooding has only increased since 2019.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has issued all the necessary permits notifying the Army Corps of each layer of application presented by Seaside Park. Without any dialogue, the Corps sent a letter to the borough, received December 20, 2023 and stated they would not approve a permit for the project. Since the refusal letter the borough has engaged with two project managers. The second project manager walked the bay area with the mayor, mitigation experts Dr. Farrell and Captain Alek Modjeski and stated that he would need a "Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Plan" in the scope of the project. Our experts stated that there has never been "SAV", commonly called seagrass in the area.

The Army Corps did issue a permit to JCP&L to replace the "X50" electric transmission cable which will run under Barnegat Bay and onto the shore in Seaside Park, where work takes place. JCP&L will remove and replace new cables in three foot wide trenches 12 feet under the sand with an agreement to monitor the

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area for five years. These lines run 8,000 linear feet. The same agreement was given to Orsted by the Army Corps allowing them to lay its power cables under Island Beach State Park. This project was halted due to Orsted terminating the contract with New Jersey.

The citizens of Seaside Park can not comprehend why the Army Corps will not extend the same courtesy as given to JCP&L and Orsted allowing the permits and have the town monitor the progress the following five years. The borough has worked diligently to rectify this flooding issue and yet there has been no advancement to mitigate the problem.

Senator Kim, the Seaside Park taxpayers are looking for a coordinated effort between government levels and agencies. We aspire that your office can facilitate this coordinated effort between Federal and State government to reduce Back Bay flooding and property destruction in our borough.

Also, at this time we wish to congratulate you on representing the people of New Jersey in Washington D.C. Thanking you and your staff in advance for applying your attention to our very important issue.

Respectfully yours,

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Dear Ms. Pfeiffer

In 2019 you facilitated a meeting between our group and Representative Kim in Toms River, New Jersey. This meeting was followed by a visit from Congressman Kim to view the area that has seen increased and worsening bay flooding. Our area has received no support from the federal agencies or state government to remediate the flooding that affects the quality of life for residents who live along Barnegat Bay in Seaside Park.

We have attached a summary letter written to Senator Kim detailing the efforts on the community's part to bring attention to and the possible solutions to abating this problem. The Federal agencies that review these issues and give approval have provided conflicting guidance and even denied some permits to move ahead.

We are asking you as a liaison to Senator Kim to present the information to him and to provide us with a response that gives us a path to bringing the correct government services to our community.

Thank you in advance for taking the attached documentation to Senator Kim. Our organization looks forward to a response that might outline the steps to guide our officials in moving this project forward in 2025.

Respectfully,

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