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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3303**

June 16, 2023

The Honorable Chairman Robert Woodard  
954 Marshall C Collins Drive  
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Dear Chairman Woodard:

Thank you for contacting my office in support of federal funding to perform a beach renourishment project in the Village of Rodanthe on Hatteras Island.

Erosion is a serious issue that I have witnessed first-hand during my visits to Dare County. It is an unfortunate reality that our beautiful beaches are constantly being whittled away. As much as I wish there was a simple way to address this issue, there is a required process to follow.

As you know, a feasibility study must be conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before a beach nourishment project in the Village of Rodanthe can be undertaken. The minimum cost of the feasibility study is \$3 million. Per the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, half of the cost of the study must be incurred at the state and local levels.

Attached is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study process for your information. Additionally, I have attached the Model Agreement for Cost Shared Feasibility Studies and the template for the Letter of Intent that must be sent to Colonel Benjamin Bennett, USA, Commander, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District.

My point of contact on this important matter is Ray Celeste, Jr. at [Raymond.Celeste@mail.house.gov](mailto:Raymond.Celeste@mail.house.gov); work 202/225-3415 or cell phone 703/819-5203.

Many thanks for your consideration and leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory F. Murphy".

Gregory F. Murphy, M.D.  
Member of Congress

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