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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Fresh Creek Tide Gates, Brooklyn, NY 11236 in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services located at 1220 Washington Ave, Bldg. 7a – 4th Floor, Albany, NY 12242.

The funding would be used for the design and construction of a tide gate which would reduce inflow into the sewer network, helping to protect both residential and commercial properties from flooding. The Fresh Creek portion of Canarsie is prone to tidal flooding. The majority of the neighborhood is in a low-lying area within the 100-year and 500-year floodplain, and residents regularly experience basement flooding from water backing into their drainage system. This problem is expected to get worse as sea levels rise. Reductions in inland flooding from sewer surcharge will also enhance the ability of first responders to respond to emergencies in the area due to the need for street grid connectivity during a heavy rainfall event accompanied by storm surge.

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 "Hakeem Jeffries".

Hakeem Jeffries  
Member of Congress