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Honorable Governor Phil Murphy
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Dear Governor Murphy,

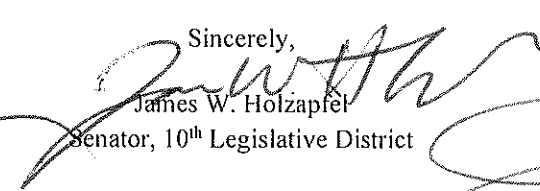
As you are aware, many of our Mayors in the 10th Legislative District recently wrote to you regarding their obligation to pay the remainder of the costs associated with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACoE) beach replenishment project scheduled to begin late 2022 or early 2023. While the Department of Environmental Protection has stated that the Federal government will be covering a majority of the project, after the State contributes their share of the costs, shore municipalities will be required to pay over \$7.5M. For small beach towns such as Bay Head, Mantoloking, Toms River and Point Pleasant Beach, the overwhelming cost of the project will drain local budgets.


We write you today to request that the State assist these municipalities by covering the remaining costs of the project with the record surplus the State has collected over the past year. Alternatively, more than \$1 billion of New Jersey's federal pandemic relief funds remains totally unallocated. A small portion could be dedicated to this important project. This is an opportunity for your administration to use this money to ensure that the Barrier Island of Ocean County be restored and protected from future storms.

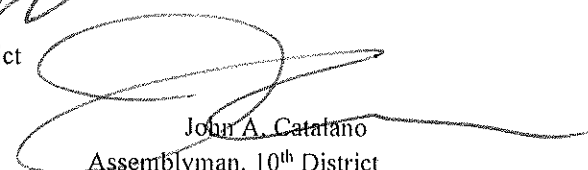
With hurricane season underway and the 10th anniversary of Superstorm Sandy approaching, it is imperative that these coastal towns on the barrier island receive adequate protection from flooding and future environmental events. If the State has the opportunity to allocate funds to help complete the USACoE project without placing a severe financial burden on our small shore communities, they should do so immediately and without hesitation.

On behalf of the 10th Legislative District, we respectfully request that remaining costs of this essential project be fully funded by the State. We look forward to hearing from you and your office regarding the outcome of this request.

Sincerely,


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