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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Mick Mulvaney Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
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Mr. R.D. James
Assistant Secretary of the
U.S. Army (Civil Works)
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Dear Director Mulvaney and Assistant Secretary James:

We write to express strong support for the inclusion of the Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study in the FY2020 Work Plan for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). As cosponsors of the bipartisan Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Act of 2019, we ask that USACE and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) give the study the fullest possible consideration as the planning process moves forward.

As you know, the Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study is a proposal by USACE to partner with the eight Great Lakes states on assessing threats and resiliency measures for coastal communities. The study would take a proactive approach in developing a long-term strategy to address the severe impacts of flooding, erosion and water level fluctuations on the 5,200 miles of Great Lakes coastline. Critically, this study constitutes a substantive partnership between federal and state governments by including a non-federal match component.

In addition, USACE and the state government partners are working to integrate existing authorities and initiatives into the study planning. Work to date has brought other federal agencies, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Geological Survey, to the table in an effort to align and leverage existing resources as part of this comprehensive and forward-thinking study.

Water levels throughout the Great Lakes system have significantly exceeded long-term averages over the past year, necessitating coordinated action to address the long-term risks currently facing coastal communities. Such action is critical to the wellbeing of the over 4.2 million people who live within two miles of the coastline, as well as the more than \$30 billion generated through the Great Lakes maritime, recreation and tourism economies.

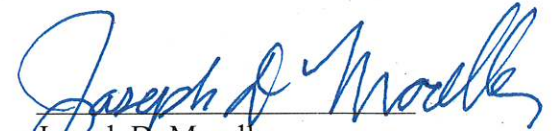
In the interest of ensuring the physical safety of our constituents and maintaining the strength of the Great Lakes economy, we would like to reiterate our strong support for the inclusion of the Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study in the USACE FY2020 Work Plan.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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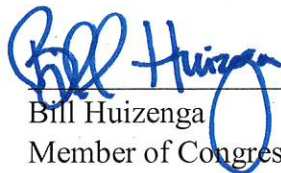
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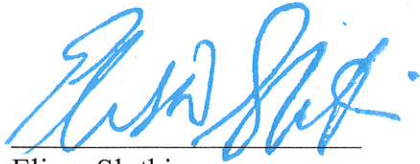
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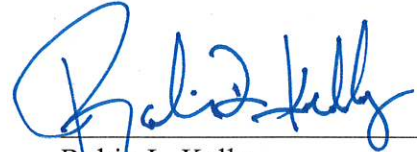
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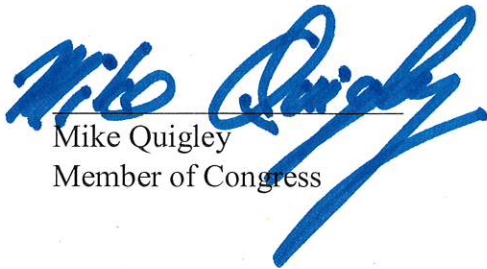
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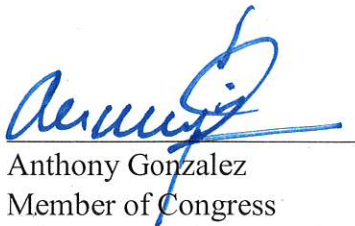
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