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May 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Memorial Pond Stormwater Dredging project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Mount Arlington, New Jersey, located at 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856. The funding would be used for data collection and analysis of the sediment, surveying, engineering, regulatory requirements, and dredging. The dredging involves pumping the sediment through a pipeline into geotubes. Geotubes act like large sit sacks in which the water drains through the geotubes while the sediment remains contained. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Lake Hopatcong is the largest lake in New Jersey in the New Jersey highlands in the headwaters of the Musconetcong River. The lake provides regionally significant environmental services and recreational opportunities. The pond and stream that passes through Memorial Pond drains to the lake at Mount Arlington Municipal Beach, which is open to the public.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom H. Kean Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Kean Jr.
Member of Congress