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Chairman Tom Cole and Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$6,000,000 to fund capital improvements of the McCotter Canal that drains the United States Forest Service's Croatan National Forest and the city of Havelock's southeastern neighborhoods. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as the canal often floods causing damage to the surrounding neighborhoods. In addition, the city of Havelock has critical infrastructure along the canal - including two of its major wells that provide most of the drinking water to the City - that it must preserve.

There is a strong federal nexus as McCotter Canal drains U.S. Forest Service lands that are part of the Croatan National Forest in addition to the southeast portion of the city.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Gregory F. Murphy, M.D. Member of Congress 3rd District, North Carolina