



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the USACE Portland Metro Levee System project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers located at 333 SW 1<sup>st</sup>, Portland, OR 97204. The funding would be used for modernizing the Portland metro region's flood safety system to safeguard residents, business, and critical infrastructure from catastrophic flooding.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because construction of the Portland Metro Levee System will continue to protect the Portland metro area. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 8410(2) of the WRDA 2022 Act (Public Law 117-263).

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 "Maxine Dexter".

Maxine Dexter, MD  
Member of Congress