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Dear Mr. Wisemiller and Ms. Brighton,

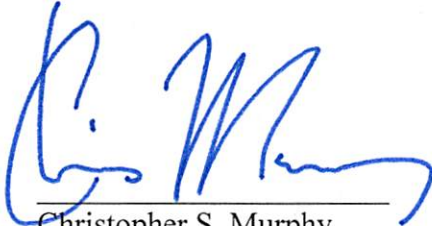
We write to request an extension of the public comment period on the New York/New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study (the study), and to ask that you make additional information, such as documents detailing initial environmental impacts, available to the public. Because of the environmental and ecological characteristics of Long Island Sound, most solutions to enhance New York City resilience will have some impact on the land and waters of Connecticut. As such, many of our constituents are concerned about the proposed options and would like an appropriate opportunity to learn more about them and provide comments.

The goal of this study is laudable. Hurricanes Sandy and Irene had a devastating impact on our region and we must prepare for future storms. As you well know, the region is densely populated and home to major airports, highways, rail lines, ports, energy facilities, historic landmarks, and national security assets. As sea levels rise and the climate changes, major weather events are predicted to both be more intense and more frequent. Planning for this uncertain future is not only wise, it's necessary.

Current materials on the study used in public meetings and outreach outline five potential project alternatives ranging from taking no action to constructing different systems of barriers, floodwalls, levees, and natural infrastructure. It is our understanding that one or two of these proposals will be chosen for further study. Connecticut residents rightly have comments and concerns about each of these proposals, particularly those that call for building a barrier around the Throgs Neck Bridge. Even though this project is still in its early stages, what alternatives

chosen for further study have great implications for Connecticut. Ensuring our constituents have the ability to include their voices in public comment at this stage is critical.

As such, we urge you to extend the public comment period by 90 days and provide additional documents so our constituents can comment on this important regional project.



Christopher S. Murphy  
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Sincerely,



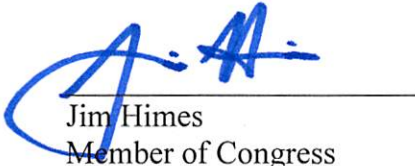
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