

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

February 6, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310-0108

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

We are requesting that Presque Isle State Park remain a high-priority project in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) FY2014 budget.

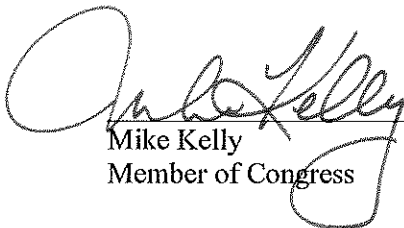
We would like to commend the USACE's decisions in past years to ensure that the Presque Isle State Park beaches have been replenished in time for the summer tourist season. The park is an important economic and natural resource for the entire Western Pennsylvania region. On average, four million people a year visit Presque Isle's shoreline, consistently making it one of the most visited state parks in Pennsylvania.

The recently passed Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, provided the USACE with additional funding for Flood Risk Management for which the Presque Isle Beach Nourishment Project would be eligible. As you decide which projects will receive the additional funds, we ask that you prioritize the Presque Isle Beach Nourishment Project.

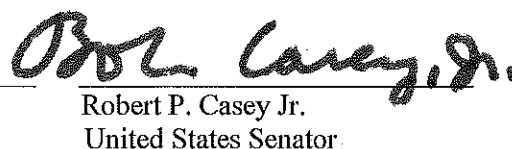
It is absolutely critical for the park and the region that the shoreline remain a popular attraction. The annual sand replenishment is vital to the shoreline's integrity and the region's economy. We will continue to work with state and local officials to ensure the beaches at Presque Isle remain pristine. In accordance with the federal, state, and local agreement, we respectfully request you again prioritize beach replenishment at Presque Isle State Park as you finalize your FY2014 budget.

Thank you for everything USACE does for the Erie community and the entire Great Lakes region. Your continued commitment to mitigating the annual erosion at Presque Isle is greatly appreciated by the millions who enjoy its beaches.

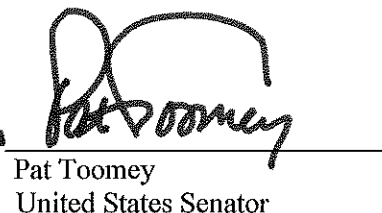
Sincerely,



Mike Kelly  
Member of Congress



Robert P. Casey Jr.  
United States Senator



Pat Toomey  
United States Senator

CC: LTG Thomas P. Bostick, USACE  
Hon. Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)