



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

Washington, DC 20515

April 1, 2019

LTG Todd Semonite  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
441 G St. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20314

Dear LTG Semonite:

I am writing to request that sand replenishment for Presque Isle State Park is made a high-priority project in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) fiscal year (FY) 2020 Work Plan

High Lake Erie water levels and several storm events have resulted in significant erosion damage along the length of the Presque Isle peninsula. We are once again seeing the increased likelihood of beach closure, public safety concerns and potential threats to the environment and property. These conditions demonstrate the need for consistent, annual funding, as was anticipated when the project was initiated. Presque Isle is an essential economic and natural resource for Northwestern Pennsylvania, creating more than 1,000 jobs and drawing roughly four million visitors, who bring more than \$60 million into the local economy, according to a study by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Needless to say, it is critical for the region that the beach remains a popular attraction and that the shoreline's integrity is fully maintained. We will continue to work with state and local officials to ensure the beaches at Presque Isle remain beautiful and pristine. In accordance with federal, state, and local agreement, we respectfully request that you prioritize the Presque Isle Beach Nourishment Project as you finalize your FY2020 Work Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Kelly".

Mike Kelly  
Member of Congress