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The Honorable R.D. James  
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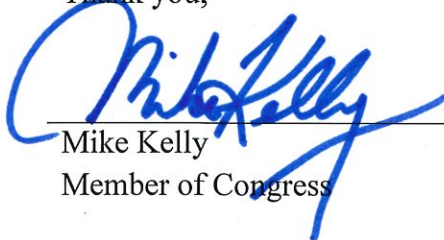
Dear Mr. James:

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) 2018 Work Plan and FY2019 budget.

Milder winters in recent years and the resulting lack of protective ice cover on the lake has caused greater erosion than usual and has increased the likelihood of beach closure, public safety concerns, and potential threats to the environment, endangered species, and personal property on Presque Isle.

Presque Isle is an essential economic and natural resource for Northwestern Pennsylvania and this region of our country. According to a study by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, it supports more than 1,000 jobs and attracts roughly four million visitors who bring more than \$60 million into the local economy each year. 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. I will continue to work with state and local officials to ensure the beaches at Presque Isle remain pristine and healthy. In accordance with federal, state, and local agreement, I respectfully request that you prioritize the Presque Isle Beach Nourishment Project as you finalize your FY 2018 Work Plan and FY 2019 budget.

Thank you,



Mike Kelly  
Member of Congress