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RE: Budget Priorities FY2016

Barbara Brennessel

Dear Chairwoman Spilka, Chairman Dempsey, and Conference Committee Members:

Elliott Carr

Michael Corrigan

The Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC), the Cape region's leading nonprofit environmental advocacy and education organization, requests your favorable consideration of amendment #228 to the Senate FY16 budget—an appropriation of \$75,000 directed to the Cape Cod Conservation District (CCCD) to fund feasibility studies and conceptual plans for coastal restoration projects on Cape Cod.

Anne Ekstrom

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Katherine Garofoli

The funding identified in amendment #228 is needed for high priority coastal restoration efforts to restore salt marsh, migratory fish passages and shellfish growing habitat. These projects will improve degraded coastal habitat, help reduce excessive nutrients in our coastal waters, build up the resiliency of green infrastructure along our coastline and benefit the Cape's and state's fishing and shellfishing economies.

Elizabeth Jenkins

Blue Magruder

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The \$75,000 will be utilized as part of a non-federal match requirement to help leverage a \$30 million USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service program on Cape Cod, which was authorized by Congress in 2009 and received funding for phase one in 2010. Federal funding for phase two of the project is currently being pursued. Since its inception, this Cape Cod coastal restoration program has enjoyed strong support from the Cape's 15 towns, Barnstable County government, state and federal elected officials and the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe. Program partners have worked closely with state environmental agencies in planning and implementing the program. The \$75,000 appropriation in the 2016 budget will help ensure that this critically important regional initiative is able to continue.

Donald Palladino

Daniel Webb

Thank you very much for your time and for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-362-4226 ext. 11 or dkeeran@apcc.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Keeran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Don Keeran
Assistant Director

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