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Re: FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending

Dear Senator Markey and Senator Warren,

**Robert Ciolek**

I'm writing to express the support of the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) for the Cape Cod Commission's Congressionally Directed Spending request for funding for a regional disaster resiliency initiative for Barnstable County.

**Thomas A. Cohn**

**John Cumbler**

Founded in 1968, APCC is the Cape region's leading nonprofit environmental advocacy and education organization, working for the adoption of laws, policies and programs that protect, preserve and restore Cape Cod's natural resources. APCC focuses our efforts on the protection of groundwater, surface water, and wetland resources, preservation of open space, the promotion of responsible, planned growth and the achievement of an environmental ethic.

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As you no doubt are aware, Barnstable County is increasingly vulnerable to severe weather, including coastal storms and flooding. Just this February, a significant blizzard resulted in major infrastructure and economic disruptions throughout the region. Over 150,000 customers were without electricity, some for up to five days, and most Cape Cod towns had over 75% of customers without power – many more than 90%. Downed trees and power lines blocked roads, further hindering the plowing and removal of almost two feet of snow, which itself made travel difficult, if not impossible. The Governor imposed a travel ban for Barnstable County during a portion of this time. Warming centers filled to capacity as new locations across the region were opened.

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The Commission's Congressionally Directed Spending request for funding for a regional disaster resiliency initiative will identify measures to increase resiliency and provide a foundation to lessen the impact of extreme weather on this vulnerable region.

**Marcie Truesdale**

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The Commission, as the regional land use planning and economic development agency for the County, is well positioned to lead this regional effort to develop a plan that will guide future infrastructure investments in the County and result in more resilient and sustainable systems that everyone in the region can rely on.

I urge you to strongly consider providing funding for this critical and regionally significant project.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director