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Lieutenant Colonel David Park
Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineer
Philadelphia District
The Wanamaker Building
100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390

Dear LTC Park:

I would like to thank you and your team for taking the time to come to Bay Head today to see first-hand the catastrophic destruction to the dunes as a result of Winter Storm Orlena.

As we discussed in our two-and-a-half-hour meeting, safety is my paramount concern. The 18-foot cliffs of sand which currently take the place of last year's dunes pose a significant danger. I was encouraged to hear that the Army Corps of Engineers will work most expeditiously with the State and municipality to address these important safety issues as all involved parties work on a more sustainable, long-term solution.

I look forward to continuing to collaborate to bring about both the short-term repairs to address the immediate risk, as well as a permanent beach nourishment program that will continue to protect the lives, economy and infrastructure of our beach communities.

Thank you again for your dedication to this important project. I await hearing of the progress and information shared at the follow-up meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 18.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress

cc: Brigadier General Thomas J. Tickner
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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