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June 2, 2016

United States Army Corps of Engineers
Colonel David Caldwell
26 Federal Plaza
New York, NY 10278

Dear Colonel Caldwell:

The Fire Island to Montauk Point (FIMP) project is essential to maintaining the environment, economy, and coastal way of life on Long Island's south shore. That is why public engagement and community involvement on how this project is managed by the Army Corps of Engineers is critical. The residents of the impacted coastal communities must have a say on how their coastal resources are managed. It is imperative that the pending General Reevaluation Report (GRR) on FIMP be released expeditiously and that there is a transparent and open public comment process.

In my previous letter to you, dated October 6, 2015, I also requested that my office receive a copy of the draft GRR to review before or simultaneously as it is transmitted to New York State and other agencies for technical review. While it is clear that other agencies including the New York State Department of Transportation and United States Department of Interior have already been given an opportunity to review this critical draft report, my office has still not been afforded this opportunity. It is unacceptable that various government agencies have been given an opportunity to review the GRR while the duly elected Representative of the people directly impacted by it has not.

On behalf of my constituents, I am requesting a clear commitment to a final release date for the draft GRR. Any further delay in the release of the draft GRR is unacceptable and unfair to the hundreds of thousands of residents, business owners, and visitors to the over 50 coastal communities directly affected by FIMP. Also, with a report as impactful as this, it is essential that there be a thorough public comments period of at least 90 days, multiple public hearings spread throughout the affected area, and an overall spirit of responsiveness and transparency to the needs of Long Island residents.

FIMP covers over 75 miles of coast line; 80% of which is in the First Congressional District of New York. I thank you for your prompt attention to these important requests. I look forward to working with you and your agency as we swiftly move forward into this next phase of FIMP. If you require any additional information, please contact Mark Woolley or William Doyle in my Long Island office at [\(631\)289-1097](tel:(631)289-1097) or at mark.woolley@mail.house.gov or William.Doyle@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L M Zeldin'.

Lee M. Zeldin
Member of Congress- First Congressional District of New York
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