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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Lowell Creek Flood Diversion project in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Division. The Alaska Army Corps of Engineers District Office is located 2204 Talley Avenue JBER, AK 99506-1518.

The funding would be used to conduct a general investigation study for the reconstruction of the Lowell Creek Flood Diversion system in Seward, Alaska.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits for the residents of Seward, AK. The Lowell Creek Flood Diversion system in Seward, Alaska, diverts waters from Lowell Creek through Bear Mountain and consists of a diversion dam, an emergency spillway, tunnel and outfall. However, currently the system does not adequately manage a range of flood events (water and debris) or effectively mitigate for probable failure modes including surge release. This presents a risk of catastrophic impacts to life, property, and critical infrastructure with little to no warning. The requested funds would begin the process of alleviating this risk for the residents of Seward.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Young".

Member of Congress