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The Honorable Adam Telle
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Assistant Secretary Telle:

On behalf of the constituents of Florida's 17th Congressional District, I write to urge your support in allocating sufficient federal funding in the FY27 Work Plan, consistent with the recommendations in the Major Maintenance Report (completion-pending), to repair and restore the south jetty in Venice, Florida. This critical structure has sustained catastrophic damage during the 2024 hurricane season and requires substantial reconstruction and rehabilitation to return it to a functional condition.

The Venice jetty performs critical navigational and safety functions for the communities surrounding the jetty. Serving as one of the only access points to the Gulf of America for several miles in each direction, repairing the structure is essential to restoring safe passage for first responders, vessel operators, and all who rely on access to the Intracoastal Waterway. Continued deterioration of the structure is a significant threat to navigation and public safety. Furthermore, the jetty is a vital economic and recreational asset for the City of Venice, Sarasota County, and the broader Southwest Florida region. Continued absence of a vital economic magnet would prove to be detrimental for the surrounding community, and full restoration is crucial in maintaining the region's economic resilience.

Given the devastating extent of storm damage and the jetty's importance to public safety, navigation, and the regional economy, I urge your support in prioritizing the Venice jetty reconstruction and allocating sufficient funding for its repair and restoration in the FY27 Work Plan. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

W. Gregory Steube
Member of Congress

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