

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 10, 2026

The Honorable Adam Telle
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
U.S. Department of the Army
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Telle:

I write to strongly urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) to allocate, from any potential cost savings on projects to which funding was directed through the Corps' FY26 Work Plan, sufficient funding to the Tybee Island Shoreline Protection Project (the project) to ensure a full renourishment of Tybee Island's beaches in a timely manner.

As I noted in my letter to you on March 5, 2026, beach nourishment at Tybee Island has been a successful partnership between the City of Tybee Island and the Corps for nearly five decades, with recurring authorizations and funding appropriated by Congress to protect the island.

However, Tybee Island's beaches are rapidly eroding; Corps analysis indicates the shoreline is losing an average of more than 178,000 cubic yards of sand annually, creating erosional "hot spots" that heighten vulnerability to storm surge and wave damage affecting homes, businesses, and public infrastructure.²

Without an allocation of \$12 million in FY26 funds, the next beach renourishment will be delayed, jeopardizing both commercial and residential structures on the island and inflicting serious harm on the local economy.

Moreover, this project is shovel ready. The City of Tybee Island has already secured the requisite matching funds for the project, and the Corps recently completed its Environmental Assessment (EA) for the next nourishment, issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in January 2026.

Given the urgency of renourishing the beach and the project's readiness, I urge the Corps to provide \$12 million to complete the next renourishment as soon as possible. Please provide a response in writing within two weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Ossoff", written in a cursive style.

Jon Ossoff
United States Senator