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Dear Sirs,

As members of the New Jersey congressional delegation, we write to urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to survey all coastal sites in New Jersey that may have experienced damage in the wake of Winter Storm Orlena.

From January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>, Winter Storm Orlena barreled into New Jersey's shore, leading surf heights to increase to heights of 12 feet. Of 81 sites initially surveyed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, 54 sites suffered minor erosion, 18 suffered moderate erosion, and nine suffered major erosion consisting of significant or total beach berm loss and/or significant erosion and scarping of the dunes.

We encourage you to review the attached letter from Acting State Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette, which provides some details into the extent of the damage incurred from Winter Storm Orlena in towns throughout New Jersey.

The Jersey Shore is not just a place for tourists to visit and admire the beautiful beaches; it is an economic engine for New Jersey and home to hundreds of thousands New Jersey residents. We urge you to immediately survey all coastal sites that may have been damaged and support the Jersey Shore's recovery.

Thank you in advance for your efforts. We look forward to hearing from you how USACE is supporting New Jersey's coast in the aftermath of Winter Storm Orlena.

Sincerely,



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