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Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)  
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Dear Madame Secretary:

I was grateful that President Obama and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano recently traveled to northern New Jersey to join Governor Christie to observe the destruction caused by Hurricane Irene and offer assistance to our residents. As the President witnessed, the towns along the Passaic River were no match for this storm, which caused terrible destruction and heartache for so many families and businesses.

As I am sure you would agree, the need for strong federal support and solutions continues for the Passaic River Basin, is absolutely urgent and must be a Presidential priority! I look forward to the Corp's continued assistance towards a comprehensive solution that will better protect New Jersey residents.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

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Sincerely,

Rodney P. Frelinghuysen  
Member of Congress

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