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DeLauro Announces More Than \$160 Million for New Haven County Coastal Storm Risk Management Project

NEW HAVEN, CT — House Appropriations Committee Chair Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-03) today announced \$160.3 million in Hurricane Ida federal relief funds for the New Haven County Coastal Storm Risk Management Project. This funding will be used to build flood enhancements to protect Long Wharf and nearby areas and assets, like Union Station, from flooding. I-95 would be used as the primary berm protecting New Haven and flood mitigation features would be added to the underpasses to prevent water intrusion.

"Over the last decade, the catastrophic flooding in Connecticut's coastal areas have upended lives, destroyed homes and businesses, and completely reshaped the shoreline," **said Congresswoman DeLauro**. "There is very little we can do to prevent natural disasters from occurring, but we can—and must—be proactive about preparing for them and minimizing the damage. These relief funds for the New Haven County Coastal Storm Risk Management Project will help protect Long Wharf and key infrastructure from the damage caused by floods like those that have devasted the area in the past. By creating construction jobs and saving money on future cleanup costs and losses caused by water damage, this project is a huge economic benefit to the region."

Today, DeLauro also announced \$63 million for the New Haven Harbor Navigation Improvement Project. Funding for these projects follows last week's <u>announcement</u> of the largest investment in our nation's bridges since the creation of the Interstate Highway System.

"As Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, I am proud to have secured these funds for Connecticut, and I will continue working to ensure our region is prepared for future disasters," **DeLauro continued**.

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