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## United States Senate

May 25, 2018

Dear Colonel Asbery,

In the wake of the NYC Parks Department's closure of Beaches 91 to 102 in Rockaway, I write again to request a comprehensive list of emergency options that the Army Corps New York District could undertake to renourish the affected areas with sand as soon as possible.

I am thankful that we have been able to expedite progress of the Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Reformulation Project, which will provide long-term, permanent beach protections for the community against future storms, but there is an urgent need to address the erosion that is endangering Rockaway's residents and visitors right now.

In the spirit of our ongoing effort to cut through the red tape of the Army Corps' internal processes and bureaucracy, I encourage your engineers to think as creatively as possible as you consider what can be done to replenish sand in Beaches 91 to 102.

Earlier this year, I worked hard to secure \$730 million in additional federal funding to equip the New York District with the resources you need to protect this vulnerable part of Queens. I am hopeful that we can now employ those resources to rapidly respond to the dire situation in Rockaway.

Thank you for your attention to this issue. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator