

Congress of the United States
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 1, 2019

Command Sergeant Major Bradley J. Houston
Headquarters
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20314-1000

Dear Command Sergeant Major Houston,

As the Army Corps of Engineers finalizes its project workload for the year and prepares for fiscal year 2020 priorities, we write to request that you consider a critical breakwater safety maintenance project being sought by the City of Algoma, Wis., to repair the South Pier on Lake Michigan. This pier is owned, and therefore must be maintained, by the Corps.

The City of Algoma has contacted our offices with concern for the safety and conditions of the pier. The approach of the pier has deteriorated and is unsafe, particularly for young children and the elderly, and it is inaccessible for those who use wheelchairs, canes and walkers.

The City of Algoma has been seeking funds for the pier for over a year. Officials from the Corps' Detroit District office have met with Algoma city officials and, upon inspection of the pier, determined that it needs to be fixed while acknowledging there are no designated funds for projects in Algoma. It is our understanding that the Detroit District included repair funds for the pier in its fiscal year 2020 budget request.

It is our hope that these repairs will be completed soon with the Corps' full financial support, given the popularity of the pier and its deterioration. Therefore, as you finalize your current fiscal year projects and determine funding for next year's ongoing maintenance projects, we encourage you to fully consider the city's request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please contact our offices in Washington if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson
U.S. Senator



Tammy Baldwin
U.S. Senator



Mike Gallagher
U.S. Representative

Cc: Lt. Col. Gregory E. Turner, District Commander, Detroit District Office