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HOMELAND SECURITY
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The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
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Washington, D.C. 20310

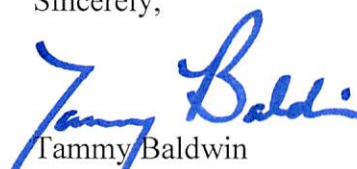
Dear Secretary Darcy:

I write in support of a request from the Village of Mount Pleasant for assistance in addressing bluff erosion along the shoreline of Lake Michigan. As the Army Corps works to consider new Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection (Section 14) projects for Fiscal Year 2017, I ask that you include the project sought by Mount Pleasant to provide solutions that slow the rapid bluff recession threatening homes, roads and utilities.

In May, I wrote to request the Corps work with officials in Mount Pleasant and Racine County to address the erosion before land recedes any further. Severe bluff erosion continues to pose a serious threat to homes and public infrastructure. There is an immediate threat to water, gas, sewer and electric facilities in areas where the bluff has receded within mere feet of utilities. Bluff along the shoreline is receding between 40 and 50 feet each year. If the bluff continues to recede at this rate, major roads providing access to hundreds of homes could be threatened in the near future.

At my request, the Detroit District has been actively engaged with local elected officials and homeowners in Mount Pleasant. It is my sincere hope that this partnership continues as a new Section 14 project. Thank you for your continued attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator

CC: Lt. Col. Dennis P. Sugrue, District Commander, Detroit District Office