

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 31, 2018

Colonel William M. Conde
District Engineer, Commander
US Army Corps of Engineers
New England District
696 Virginia Road
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel Conde:

I write to you regarding Rye Harbor, one of the two harbors located in New Hampshire that are currently maintained by the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). I was recently contacted by over 500 Rye citizens and the town's administrator, Michael Magnant, regarding the need to dredge Rye Harbor as soon as possible. A copy of his letter and the signed petition is enclosed for your reference.

Unfortunately, the need for dredging is long overdue. Since last being dredged in 1990, the harbor has experienced shoaling that could very well cause the harbor to become nonfunctional. I commend the initiative and advocacy of the people of Rye on this important issue and encourage you to advocate for this project as the Corps finalizes the Fiscal Year 2019 Work Plan. I look forward to working with you and the Corps on a solution that preserves the usability of Rye Harbor.

Thank you for your consideration. If my staff can be helpful to you on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact Andy Nielsen in my office at andrew_nielsen@shaheen.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable R.D. James, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Michael Magnant, Town Administrator, Town of Rye
Town of Rye Board of Selectmen
Geno Marconi, Director of Ports and Harbors, New Hampshire Port Authority