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Dear Ms. Metallo,

This letter is to confirm that the Petersburg Borough ("Borough") continues to be interested in receiving assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") under Section 107 of the 1960 River and Harbor Act (PL 86-645), as amended, in dredging areas of the Petersburg South Harbor basin. The Borough has reviewed the Project Partnership Agreement and is aware that this is the document that we will be negotiating and eventually signing prior to implementation of the South Harbor Dredge Design and Implementation phase.

This project is essential to maintaining Petersburg's access to Federal Waterways and maintaining sufficient depths in one of the most essential areas of our harbor system. Originally dredged in 1982, South Harbor is suffering from egress issues due to long-term sediment buildup, glacial rebound, seismic event and bank sloughing. At low tide vessels currently also have trouble using their stalls therefore causing delays in trip turnarounds and causing economic hardship for our community.

The Borough has the ability and is willing to, to the best of our capacity, cost share the design and construction of the recommended plan of dredging South Harbor with in water disposal in Frederick Sound. Once the Feasibility Study is completed and the finalized costs are announced the Borough will review and be in a better position to give the USACE a specific amount available for this cost share.

Thank you for your efforts on Petersburg's behalf. We look forward to moving forward on this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 772-5402, or Harbormaster, Glo Wollen at (907) 772-4688 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Giesbrecht,  
Borough Manager