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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
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The Honorable Richard Shelby
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Chairwoman
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The Honorable John Kennedy
Ranking Member
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Subcommittee
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chairwoman Feinstein and Ranking Member Kennedy:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2023 Energy and Water Development appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey

**Markey, Edward(D-MA) Energy and Water Development
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Town of Chatham	Request for funding from the US Army Corps of Engineers for maintenance dredging of the Chatham, Stage Harbor Federal Navigation Project (FNP) to preserve access to Chatham's largest and most utilized deep-water harbor. Shoaling of the entrance channel has increased substantially due to ongoing changes to Chatham's eastern barrier beaches and inlets. Despite annual maintenance dredging, the channel continues to shoal, primarily during the fall and winter seasons, rendering the channel extremely shoal before onset of the important summer boating season for commercial and recreational boating interests, and the US Coast Guard. Without ongoing maintenance dredging access to the harbor will be critically compromised with a devastating impact on the local and regional economies, and public safety. Stage Harbor is a FNP that is critical to the maritime commercial, recreational, and public safety (US Coast Guard and Chatham Harbormaster) boating interests of Chatham. Historically, funding for the USACE to perform maintenance dredging has been sporadic and not dependable to ensure safe navigation into the harbor. Over the past 3 years, changes in shoaling patterns have greatly increased shoaling rates that would have rendered the channel virtually unusable to all but shallow draft vessels without repeated maintenance dredging, and at great expense, by the Town. Even with local dredging completed, additional dredging was necessary and undertaken by the USACE during this period but only by opportunistic re-programming of available funds from other project purposes. Dedicated FY2023 federal funding for the USACE is needed to ensure the channel will service the boating public for the 2024 boating season.	Chatham MA	\$1,400
City of North Adams, Massachusetts	North Adams, MA requests a Feasibility Study for the aging USACE Hoosic River Basin Flood Control Project, which was designed using engineering standards of the 1940s and constructed in the 1950s. That now-deteriorating 2.5 mile, concrete-channelized project with fallen and leaning walls requires a total assessment as soon as possible. In 2014 the N.Y. District Corps of Engineers acknowledged: 'your system has outlived its useful life". The goal is a new flood mitigation system, built with 21st C. engineering standards and reflecting the City's goals for a flood-controlled, healthy, attractive, accessible community asset.	North Adams MA	\$400