

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 9, 2018

The Honorable Ricky "R.D." James
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Assistant Secretary James,


We write to urge you to include funding for the dredging of Plymouth Harbor, Massachusetts, in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers FY18 work plan. Plymouth Harbor has filled up with so much sediment that vessels cannot reliably pass, which harms commerce, recreation, and safety. Funding for this dredging project will reap real benefits for public safety, public access, and the local economy for years to come.

In 2020, we will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower and the settlement at Plymouth. But the celebration will not be complete if ships cannot get into and out of the Harbor. While the Corps' New England District is completing the project engineering and design phase, they have not secured funding to complete this crucial dredging project prior to the 400th anniversary of the settlement at Plymouth.

We encourage you to provide this icon of American history the resources it needs in the FY18 work plan. If you have any questions about this request, please have your staff contact Daniel Greene of Senator Markey's staff at 202-224-2742.

Sincerely,


Edward J. Markey
United States Senator


Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator


William R. Keating
Member of Congress