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Congressman Lee M. Zeldin
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Dear Mr. Zeldin:

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Ed Weiss and I've been given the privilege of serving as mayor of the Village of Shoreham. As you may know, Shoreham is a small community situated on the North Shore of the Town of Brookhaven. Its topography can best be likened to a "valley," with a road — Woodville Road — running down the floor of the valley in a north/south orientation leading directly to Long Island Sound.

Over the years, we've expended great effort in trying to prevent stormwater runoff from funneling into the Sound, not only from Village lands on either side of Woodville, but also from Town property. With the leadership of LK McLean & Associates, a well-respected engineering firm, we have just completed a significant road and drainage project on the west side of Woodville and, with assistance from the State, are about to embark on a similar project to the east. The Town has also helped us with the recent cleaning of our two sumps and various other improvements.

While we've accomplished quite a bit, there's still much to be done, the cost of which being well beyond the financial wherewithal of our small community. In talking with our professional advisors and some of our local representatives, it's been suggested that we might want to reach out to your office to see if Federal assistance might be available. McLean has put together a creative idea to capture and contain stormwater runoff in subterranean tanks. We're told such an installation will significantly mitigate runoff into the Sound from both Village and Town properties, particularly given the "valley-like" topography of our community. More specifically, we understand that the proposed structure is designed to handle over 55,000 cubic feet of stormwater, representing the runoff that would be generated by a 1.2 inch rainfall.

The press conference hosted by Suffolk County earlier this week concerning the dumping of dredged material into the Sound, and the recent front-page article in Newsday about the negative environmental impact of nitrogen in any body of water, only highlight the importance of making a full-blown effort to cleanse the Sound to its former glory. A small village like ours, though, can only hope to undertake the

installation contemplated with the help of institutions like the State or Federal government. Indeed, we know the project would be significant in scope, but we also know that its completion would have a positive environmental impact, not only in the waters immediately to the north of our community, but also to the east and west.

Given the unique nature of the McLean plan, and the anticipated benefit it would have on our environment, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and appropriate officials to discuss the merits of what we're envisioning. We think you'll find it interesting and something worthy of further review.

Thank you for your consideration and best wishes to you in representing our community and surrounding areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. Weiss', with a horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edward J. Weiss
Mayor

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