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Supervisor Ed Smyth
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Dear Supervisor Smyth:

As we have often discussed, the Asharoken seawall has reached the end of its expected lifetime and is failing. The Village of Asharoken has begun the process of replacing the wall by applying for funds from both Senator Schumer and Congressman Suozzi, as well as applying for multiple grants. Many of these sources of funding come with a local share that may well be beyond what a small community like Asharoken can afford to pay for.

Because the seawall provides protection for approximately 2000 Town of Huntington residents, I am respectfully asking that the Town formally become partners with the Village to fix the wall. This should include everything from sharing costs, engineering and grant applications. By joining forces, the Village and Town will have better chances of securing grants and a greater ability to pay for the any local costs.

Although there may be some significant expenses along the way, the safety, wellbeing and health of everyone who depends on the wall for access to Eaton's Neck merits doing all we can to fix the wall. Without the Village and Town uniting, the odds of replacing the wall are significantly reduced and the likelihood of damage to the road significant.

I would like to thank you for all you have done to support the replacement of the wall since you became Supervisor. I look forward to working with you and the Town Board to fix this failing critical piece of infrastructure. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely

Mayor Dr. Gregory Letica

Cc: TOH Board Members Eugene Cook, Joan Cergol, Dr. David Bernardo and Salvatore Ferro