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The Honorable Daniel Inouye, Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Harold Rogers, Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Inouye and Chairman Rogers:

On behalf of the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA), I ask you to please contact your colleagues on the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee and urge them to support \$5 million for the Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP) within the FY 2012 US Army Corps of Engineers budget. CDIP now includes the Southern California Beach Processes Study (SCBPS), which had been funded separately in previous fiscal years.

Based at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, CDIP (<http://cdip.ucsd.edu>) is a collaborative program between the US Army Corps of Engineers and the State of California. CDIP measures, models, and forecasts waves along the coastal United States, including the Hawaiian Islands, the Caribbean, and Guam, enhancing and expanding the efforts of the national Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). Through sophisticated observations and models, CDIP characterizes waves for regional coastlines, providing updated and accurate wave information to the operational maritime and coastal management communities.

The ASBPA recognizes that the shores, beaches and other coastal resources of America provide important quality-of-life assets within the reach of the largest possible number of people in accordance with the ideals of a democratic nation. The information that CDIP provides is critical to the effective management of our nation's shorelines and structures, as well as safe and efficient dredging projects, navigation, and coastal recreation. CDIP develops observation-based models of wave-driven coastal flooding to address the vulnerability, resilience, and adaptation of the coastal zone. Robust methods and models are being developed for the prediction of shoreline evolution, including beach processes, which will validate and support regional sediment management. Without these data, life and property would be at risk.

This funding is crucial to ensure the maintenance of CDIP's existing buoy network and the data products it enables, as well as the continuation of the program's expansion into areas lacking this valuable information. While the number of buoys in CDIP's array has increased in recent years,

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benefiting its operational users, the program has been operating an expanded network with minimal resources. Given the importance of the information this program provides, we urge you to support the highest possible level of funding for CDIP in FY12.

We appreciate your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Harry Simmons', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mayor Harry Simmons  
President