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Congress of the United States
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Lieutenant Colonel Gregory E. Turner
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Detroit District
477 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Lt. Col. Turner,

It has been brought to my attention that the South Pier on Lake Michigan in Algoma, Wisconsin, requires immediate attention. Randall Eigenberger, Chief of Operations and Maintenance for Lake Michigan Area Office, Detroit District, met onsite with City officials on October 8, 2019, and determined the condition of the pier is now in an emergency situation.

Earlier this year, the Corps determined the pier was unsafe for public use, and FY2020 funding would be necessary to remediate the pier. On August 1, 2019 I, along with Senators Johnson and Baldwin, sent a letter of request for funds to repair the pier to Command Sergeant Major Bradley Houston. Unfortunately, the recent extreme weather events and extraordinarily high-water levels have led to rapid deterioration of the pier, resulting in the emergency determination.

Given the current dangerous condition of Algoma's South Pier, I respectfully request the Corps make emergency funds available for repairs. Thank you in advance for your urgent attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact either my office in Washington, DC, 202-225-5665, or my office in Wisconsin at 920-301-4500.

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Member of Congress