

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, DC 20528

Secretary Noem,

We write to request that you urgently obligate the emergency supplemental funds Congress provided to recapitalize Coast Guard facilities in Portland, ME, Southwest Harbor, ME and New Castle, NH. A combination of severe storm damage and resource constraints have hampered the ability of the Coast Guard to perform its important missions in Maine and New Hampshire, such as escorting submarines as they arrive and depart from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

However, Congress provided emergency supplemental funds to the Coast Guard in the second FY 2025 continuing resolution to recapitalize Coast Guard stations damaged by recent storms and natural disasters. These facilities not only support our local communities and economies, but they also serve vital national security interests. For these reasons, we request your commitment to make the necessary investments as soon as possible in our Maine and New Hampshire Coast Guard stations.

The Coast Guard has a long and growing backlog of stations and facilities in need of repair or recapitalization. We see these issues firsthand in Maine and New Hampshire. In February 2025, the Government Accountability Office found that 49% of the Coast Guard's shore infrastructure is beyond its expected service life and that the agency has a \$7 billion backlog in shore infrastructure projects. Indeed, as part of the process of crafting supplemental appropriations, the Coast Guard provided Congress with a list of facilities that most desperately need to be repaired, and this list specifically includes the Coast Guard facilities in Rockland ME, Portland, ME, Southwest Harbor, ME and New Castle, NH.

To help address the Coast Guard's most pressing repair needs, the "American Relief Act, 2025" (Public Law 118-158) appropriated \$210.2 million for the Coast Guard's Procurement, Construction & Improvements (PC&I) account. Large bipartisan majorities in both chambers of Congress voted for this bill with 85 Senators and 366 Representatives voting yes.

We respectfully request your commitment that the Department of Homeland Security and the Coast Guard use the supplemental PC&I funds as soon as possible to recapitalize Coast Guard stations in Rockland ME, Portland, ME, Southwest Harbor, ME and New Castle, NH.

We thank you for your consideration and for working with us on our shared goal of investing in our national security.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen

United States Senator



Susan M. Collins

United States Senator