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The Honorable Frank Pallone
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Pallone:

Since 1926, the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA), a 501(c)3 non-profit, has been dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing our coasts by merging science and public policy. Our members are industry, local government officials, academics and residents of coastal districts; we are advocates for healthy coastlines.

ASBPA is pleased to support HR 3115, The Living Shorelines Act. Living shorelines are a critical component to maintaining a healthy coastline and HR 3115 provides important funding to help communities build living shorelines.

ASBPA's peer-reviewed journal, *Shore & Beach*, had a dedicated issue on living shorelines in the Fall of 2017 (Vol. 84. No. 4). The guest editorial stated:

*"Investing in natural infrastructure is no less important than investing in built infrastructure. It's not only critical, it's a win-win. And the sooner that investment is made, the more benefit you see from it. More and more communities see that they derive multiple benefits from restoring natural infrastructure. Healthy coastal habitats reduce the impact of waves and storm surges, improve water quality, provide habitat for important commercial fisheries, and offer recreation and tourism opportunities that are the foundation of many local economies."*¹

HR 3115 embraces the importance of natural infrastructure and takes a tangible step toward invest in natural infrastructure. We believe the sooner HR 3115 passes and is funded, the more benefit communities will derive from it.

Sincerely,



Derek Brockbank
Executive Director

¹ Cunniff, S. and B. Webb, 2017. "Living shorelines mean thriving coastal communities", *Shore & Beach*, 85.4:2.