

United States Senate

December 17, 2019

Peter R. Gaynor
Acting Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, SW
Washington D.C., 20472

Dear Mr. Gaynor:

I write today regarding information that the Township of Pequannock has requested to be considered by the Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) convened to review the denial of their Map Appeal. I respectfully ask that all the relevant data and computer modeling be included in the SRP's review materials so that the National Institute of Building Science (NIBS) may have all the information necessary in order to conduct a thorough review and ultimately make a fair decision.

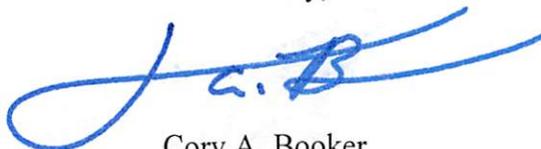
On April 27, 2018, the Township of Pequannock submitted a Map Appeal to dispute the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (pFIRMs). Pequannock retained an expert to produce a technical report for this appeal. It is my understanding that when submitting the Map Appeal they offered to also provide FEMA with the extensive HEC-RAS data and models used to produce this technical report, but FEMA failed to respond to this offer.

The Map Appeal was denied by FEMA on February 12, 2019. On March 20, 2019 the Township of Pequannock requested that NIBS convene an independent SRP to review the denial of the Map Appeal. Pequannock requested that the SRP also consider the data and modeling used to create the technical report, but this information has been deemed inadmissible because it was not included in the initial Map Appeal to FEMA, despite being offered at the time.

I understand that the data and computer modeling used to create the technical report have been reviewed and adopted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and would be germane to the SRP's assessment. Therefore, I respectfully ask that FEMA consider making this data and computer modeling available to the SRP.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office by phone at (973) 639-8700.

Sincerely,



Cory A. Booker
United States Senator