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Nadler Requests Funding for North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study Focus Areas

On March 4th, Congressman Nadler, along with a coalition of Representatives from New York and New Jersey, asked the leadership of the House Committee on Appropriations to allocate funding for further study of potential infrastructure projects prevent damage to the New York-New Jersey harbor and the New Jersey Back Bays from future hurricanes.

“The devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy are still being felt across the region, and too many of our constituents remain vulnerable. It is imperative that we complete construction on these critical projects as expeditiously as possible. The President’s budget request includes \$1 million to continue work on these flood prevention projects in New York and New Jersey. The requested funding would be used to conduct feasibility studies and execute local cost-sharing agreements. We respectfully request that the committee provide adequate funding to advance this important work, and at a minimum, provide the amount included in the request.”

Rep. Nadler and Democratic Members of House Judiciary Committee Urge Senate to Vote on Confirmation of Attorney General Appointee Loretta Lynch

On March 19th, Congressman Jerrold Nadler joined with his Democratic colleagues on the House Judiciary Committee to urge Senate

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to immediately bring the nomination of the Honorable Loretta Lynch for the position of Attorney General of the United States to the Senate floor for consideration. The nomination of Ms. Lynch has been pending for over four months and has been subject to delay for reasons wholly unrelated to her qualifications – most recently Senate consideration of abortion-related restrictions in anti-human trafficking legislation.

Loretta Lynch has a distinguished legal career as a well respected lawyer and federal prosecutor in the Eastern District of New York. Having zealously prosecuted cases involving public corruption, narcotics and violent crime, Ms. Lynch has the perfect set of professional credentials and possesses high moral character and integrity.

The nomination of Ms. Lynch for Attorney General has experienced the lengthiest delay in three decades. Given that she has been twice confirmed, faced no substantive issues and emerged from the Judiciary Committee with bipartisan support, there can be no credible reason for further delay.

Rep. Nadler joins Manhattan Elected Officials in Expressing Concerns Regarding the City-Wide “Quality and Affordability” Zoning Amendment

On March 25, Congressman Nadler joined many of his elected colleagues from Manhattan in writing a letter, spearheaded by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, to City Planning Commission Chair Carl Weisbrod

regarding their concerns with the proposed citywide text amendment entitled “Zoning for Quality and Affordability” and the Draft Scope of Work for its associated environmental review. While the administration’s goal of producing quality affordable housing for all New Yorkers is laudable, there are serious concerns about the implications this city-wide amendment would have for local neighborhoods. The letter also requested that the text be made available far in advance of the referral of this application to community boards and that community boards have a minimum of 90 days to analyze and respond to the proposal.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler Announces \$2,743,000 in Federal Funding to Hudson River Park Trust to Repair Damages to Pier 40 Caused by Superstorm Sandy

On February 26, 2015 Congressman Jerrold Nadler announced \$2,743,000 in federal funding for repairs to Sandy-related damage to the boiler and pump rooms at Hudson River Park’s Pier 40. The funding is being provided to the Hudson River Park Trust by the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Public Assistance Program.

“In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, Pier 40 was severely damaged and crucial repairs are still needed so that this vital community recreational space can be enjoyed by families and children for years to come,” said Rep. Jerrold Nadler. “This federal funding will rebuild Pier 40’s boiler and pump rooms to ensure that this facility can continue to provide a valuable outdoor space used by the hundreds of thousands individuals each year.”

“Pier 40 is a vital community resource and we’re grateful to receive this funding, which will allow us to make critical repairs to its infrastructure,” said Madelyn Wils, President and CEO of the

Hudson River Park Trust. “Thanks to Congressman Nadler for his support of the park.”

Nadler, Pelosi, Reid and Feinstein Lead Bicameral Amicus to Supreme Court on Marriage Equality Cases

On March 6th, Congressman Nadler, along with Rep. Pelosi and Senators Reid and Feinstein, announced the filing of an amicus brief in the marriage equality cases that are on appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

The four cases from Ohio, Tennessee, Michigan and Kentucky challenge state laws that prohibit same-sex couples from marrying and deny recognition to lawful marriages performed by other states. The Supreme Court will decide whether the Constitution guarantees same-sex couples the freedom to marry and to have their marriages respected nationwide.

“State marriage bans apply across the board, limiting the right to marry and stay married when crossing state lines and preventing same-sex couples and their children from qualifying for a vast array of marriage-based state and federal rights and responsibilities,” Congressman Nadler said. “These laws impose countless burdens and indignities on gay and lesbian couples and their children. And they serve no legitimate governmental purpose. We firmly believe that everyone should enjoy the same right to marry the person that they love and urge the Court to make the Constitution’s promise of equality a reality for gay and lesbian couples throughout the nation.”

Casey, Shaheen, Nadler Release Statement Following Young v. UPS Supreme Court Decision

U.S. Senators Bob Casey (D-PA), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Congressman Jerry Nadler

(D-NY) released statements following the Supreme Court's decision in *Young v. UPS*. Casey, Shaheen and Nadler are the authors of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA), which would require employers to offer pregnant workers reasonable accommodations so they can work during their pregnancy. Casey, Shaheen and Nadler also led over 120 members of Congress on an amicus brief to the Supreme Court in support of Peggy Young's claims. The members will be introducing the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act in the coming weeks.

"While the Court's decision is a victory for Peggy Young, it still leaves too much uncertainty for other pregnant workers, who still face significant challenges under today's decision. It is now more important than ever to pass the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act to ensure that all workers with medical needs arising out of pregnancy have a right to accommodations," Senator Casey said. "Congress should act immediately to pass the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act to streamline the process for pregnant workers to receive reasonable accommodations, reinforcing today's decision and providing an unmistakable rule for employers to follow."

"Women should never have to pick between their jobs and their pregnancy," Senator Shaheen said. "Women are critical contributors to our economy and deserve reasonable accommodations in the workplace so that they can continue a healthy pregnancy. The Supreme Court made the right decision today on Peggy Young's behalf, but now we must act on our bill to protect pregnant women across the country."

Congressman Nadler said, "While the Court's decision gives Ms. Young the opportunity to prove her case, it falls far short of what is needed

for working women in America. This ruling means that a pregnant worker's ability to get an accommodation that allows her to continue working safely will vary significantly from workplace to workplace."

Congressman Nadler continued, "The Court's failure to clarify that all employers should accommodate their pregnant workers makes it clear that Congress must pass the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) and settle this issue once and for all. The PWFA would require employers to make reasonable accommodations to employees who have limitations stemming from pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the employer. Rather than forcing pregnant women to identify a worker with a similar limitation or find someone with an existing on-the-job accommodation, the PWFA guarantees that every woman receives simple, low-cost accommodations. No woman should be put in the position of choosing between her health and her job. No woman should lose her paycheck and her benefits weeks away from having another mouth to feed."

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