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Dear Congresswoman Elise Stefanik,

I am writing to express my strong support for funding Broadway Creek's much-needed flood mitigation efforts in the Village of Fonda, Montgomery County, New York. As a **[resident/business owner/community leader/etc.]**, I have witnessed firsthand the devastating impacts of flooding on the Village of Fonda homes, businesses, and infrastructure.

Broadway Creek serves as a vital lifeline for our community, draining southerly into the Cayadutta Creek and the Mohawk River. However, its history is marred by recurrent flooding incidents, posing a significant threat to public safety, property, and economic stability.

The recent major flooding event on July 19, 2021, serves as a stark reminder of the urgent need for comprehensive flood mitigation measures. With approximately 3.29 inches of rainfall within a span of two and a half hours, our streets were inundated, homes and businesses were damaged, and essential infrastructure was compromised. The subsequent cleanup efforts underscored our immense challenges in restoring normalcy after such disasters.

I commend the Village of Fonda's efforts in commissioning an engineering assessment and hydraulic modeling of Broadway Creek. The Engineering Assessment Report presents a compelling case for action, outlining viable alternatives for flood mitigation and highlighting the critical need to prioritize resources for this endeavor.

Investing in flood mitigation for Broadway Creek is not merely a matter of safeguarding property and infrastructure; it is an investment in our community's resilience, safety, and well-being. By implementing strategic measures such as the construction of flood barriers, channel improvements, and stormwater management systems, we can mitigate the risks posed by future flooding events and ensure the long-term sustainability of our community.

I urge you to consider our request for funding support to advance these essential flood mitigation efforts. The benefits of such investments extend far beyond mere infrastructure improvements; they are a testament to the village’s commitment to protecting the community and securing a brighter future for generations to come.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Mailing Address]