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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 3, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Houston Ship Channel Improvement Project, Harris, Chambers, and Galveston Counties, Texas in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at 111 East Loop N., Houston, Texas 77029.

The funding would be used for the completion of the final segments of Project 11, which would include the deepening and widening of the Houston Ship Channel, which would allow for a second cargo ship to navigate the waters, exponentially increasing the economic development of the country. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Houston Ship Channel generates more than \$906 billion in national economic impact, generates and supports over 3.4 million jobs, and trades more waterborne tonnage than any other Port in the U.S.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 54301 of title 46, United States Code, as amended by title XXXV of division C of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Wesley P. Hunt

Member of Congress