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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Port of Liberty, Texas, project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used for a multipurpose feasibility study.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this critical study will investigate restoring and optimizing shallow-draft navigation up to and along the Trinity River (and its tributaries) to the Port of Liberty. It will also investigate ways to reduce flood risk to the City of Liberty and other communities in the study area. Additionally, it will investigate opportunities to restore the degraded aquatic environment in the study area, while simultaneously evaluating opportunities to reuse dredged and excavated material beneficially. Texas constituents in the Trinity River Watershed and vicinity would experience triple benefits (economic development from navigation efficiencies, reduced economic losses from recurring flooding, and improved environmental quality) from the structural and non-structural measures eventually proposed by the study.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is for purposes authorized by Section 8203(5) of WRDA of 2022. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Brian Babin, D.D.S.
Member of Congress