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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Houston Ship Channel O&M Funding in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Galveston District, U.S. Army Corps Southwestern Division located at 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550. The funding would be used to address draft restrictions recently implemented due to a lack of adequate maintenance dredging in the Houston Ship Channel. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds that will ensure the safe and sustainable movement of goods moving through the Houston Ship Channel, providing economic benefits to the region, state, and country. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by *33 U.S. Code § 2232 - Construction of water resources development projects by non-Federal interests*. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress