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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 House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Riverwalk Renovation and Critical Infrastructure Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority, located at One International Drive, Savannah, GA 31402. The funding would be used to complete the Riverwalk Renovation and Critical Infrastructure Improvements Project at the Savannah Convention Center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Savannah Convention Center has generated \$1.4 billion in statewide economic impact, contributes \$13.5 million annually in state and local taxes, and supports 28,000 tourism and hospitality jobs in the greater Savannah area. For Fiscal Year 2024, the economic impact of the Savannah Convention Center to the state of Georgia was \$220 million. The Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority's Riverwalk Renovation and Critical Infrastructure Improvements Project would include the following items: replace approximately 500 feet of 45 year-old materials (sheet piles, tie backs), a full scale development of the Riverwalk landing with lighting, electrical, pavers, handrails, furniture fixtures and equipment landscaping and removal of accumulated sediment to a uniformed depth to allow low tide usage and Chatham Area Transit to access Internodal platform and proposed ferry maintenance facility. Given the significant expansion and increased capacity at the Convention Center and with the new Hilton hotel, the Riverwalk Renovation and Critical Infrastructure Improvements Project will foster a tremendous number of new jobs and economic activity to the city of Savannah and its residents.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter  
Member of Congress

