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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 Savannah Harbor Modifications Study in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding, because the Georgia ports are the economic lifeline of the Southeastern United States. Enhancing the channel would not only allow larger, more cost-effective and sustainable vessels to call on Savannah. Addressing impediments to larger ships at the port of Savannah will allow carriers to deploy 18,000- to 24,000-teu vessels to the entire U.S. east coast. Maximizing access for the global fleet of container ships will reduce shipping costs and delays for American commerce.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1202 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (P.L. 118-272).

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