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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 Operations and Maintenance 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 annual dredging to maintain the federal project dept of -47 feet (-49 feet in the entrance channel) at mean low water. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Port of Savannah is the vital supply chain conduit and job creator for both the state and the nation. As the third busiest gateway for containerized cargo, the Port of Savannah's importance to the United States Economy continues to increase. Without proper maintenance at this critical port, American commerce will experience unnecessary delays and cost increases on their supply chain.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 101(b) (9) of Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1999 (Public Law 106-53), Division D, Title I of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 and Section 7003 (1) of Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) 2014 (Public Law 113-121).

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