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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Savannah Harbor Improvements Study project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The funding would be used for a Savannah Harbor Improvement Project study. The study would define the optimal dimensions of the Savannah Harbor in a potential future improvement program, balancing cost-benefits for the nation and environmental impact.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Savannah Harbor improvements will benefit the nation, not just Georgia, and keep pace with the global shipping industry's future ships. 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. Each ship could take on more cargo and transit the channel more quickly, getting U.S. exports to global markets with greater efficiency, lower cost and lower emissions. Modernizing the shipping channel will expedite the flow of cargo for mega-ships transiting the Savannah River. American exporters will have greater opportunity to move goods overseas, because ships will be able to take on more cargo.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 8201(b)(4) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022.

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