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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
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Port of Oakland Turning Basins Widening Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers located at 450 Golden Gate Ave, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102.

The funding would be used to support the first construction contract for infrastructure improvements on the Oakland side of the Port of Oakland's Inner Harbor Turning Basin. This work includes excavation and dredging associated with widening the basin and the installation of new bulkheads to modernize waterfront infrastructure. The funding will also allow completion of the engineering design phase for waterfront infrastructure improvements on the Alameda side of the project, ensuring that the next phase of construction can proceed efficiently and without delay.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Port of Oakland supports more than \$90 billion annually in economic value through wages, local purchases, consumption, and tax revenues, yet its turning basins were designed for a smaller generation of vessels and constrain the modern container ships that depend on it as a primary West Coast gateway. Widening the basins will reduce delays, improve navigational safety, and preserve the Port's role as a reliable, efficient hub for U.S. agricultural and manufactured exports.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by The Water Resources Development Act of 2024, P.L. 118-272, 138 Stat. 3167.

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

Sincerely,

Lateefah Simon
Member of Congress