

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Wilmington Harbor Navigation Improvement Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District. The funding would be used the completion of environmental compliance activities and an updated economic analysis towards the improvement project of the Port of Wilmington navigational channel to allow larger, deep-draft container ships. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project was authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 2020, contingent on completion of the environmental compliance activities and an updated economic analysis.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 403 (a)(5) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (Public Law 116—260)

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

Sincerely,

