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MEMBER OF CONGRESS
FOURTEENTH DISTRICT, TEXAS

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann
Chair
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Development and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Development and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chair Fleischmann, and Ranking Member Kaptur:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2024 (FY24) Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I am respectfully seeking \$9,630,000 for the FY24 Texas City Federal Channel Operations and Maintenance Request. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Port of Texas City, located at 2425 Highway 146 North, Texas City, Texas 77590.

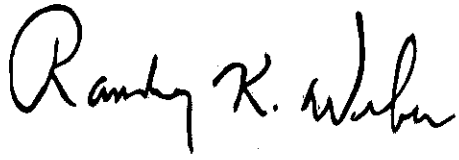
The funding would be used for dredging the Texas City Federal Channel. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Texas City Channel supports the largest refinery in the United States. Key energy products such as crude oil, gasoline, jet fuel, and diesel, are moved through the Texas City Channel and the Port of Texas City daily. Thirty million net tons of energy cargo are moved annually as part of the federal Strategic Petroleum Reserve System, which depends on the Texas City Channel.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. If the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Galveston District, is not able to perform the necessary maintenance dredging, draft restrictions will be placed on vessels; this, in turn, means short loading of the vessels, with a direct and immediate impact on the economy. There is also a safety component.

The federal nexus for this is for purposes authorized by the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, Public Law 99- 662 (November 17, 1986).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy K. Weber". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent capital 'R' at the beginning.

RANDY K. WEBER
United States Representative