

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Washington, D.C. 20515

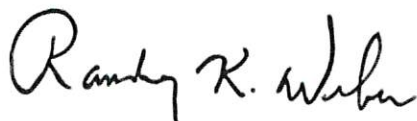
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used to continue the Preconstruction Engineering and Design analysis for the Bolivar Roads Gate System, an approximately 2-mile-long closure structure between Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula, which is the largest single component of the Galveston Bay Storm Surge Barrier System. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Coastal Texas Project is a national security and economic protection priority project that has significant implications for the entire state of Texas and the nation. The US Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Texas Study Chief's Report recommends a comprehensive system to protect the Houston Port Ship Channel and the petrochemical infrastructure that supports critical manufacturing, retail, agriculture, business, and military supply chains in Texas and throughout the country. The project provides a reduction \$2.3 billion in damages from coastal storm surge events on an average annual basis, with a benefit to cost ratio of 1.91 to 1.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 8401 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022, H.R. 7776 Second Session.

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

Sincerely,



RANDY K. WEBER
United States Representative