

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

May 23, 2025

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

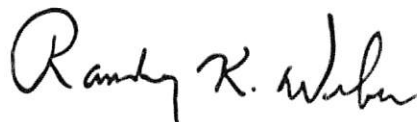
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Galveston Harbor & Channel 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 complete the dredging and levee raise, removing the current severe draft restrictions and returning the Galveston Ship Channel to full draft and navigable width. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Port of Galveston and the operators along the Galveston Harbor Channel are the largest contributors to our tax base and primary employers of Galveston citizens. However, the economic vitality of this critical economic segment, our industrial waterfront neighbors, is in jeopardy, due to the narrowing width and shallow depths of the channel.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 101(a)(30) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996, P.L. 104-303.

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