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 Port Freeport Area 6 Container Stacking and General Cargo Staging Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Port Freeport, located at 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas 77541. The funding would be used for expanding the container stacking and high and heavy cargo staging areas by approximately 10 acres, relocating an existing rail line, and including high mast lighting. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because, beyond regional impacts, Port Freeport plays a vital role in the national economy. More than 279,000 jobs are linked to commerce flowing through the port, contributing \$157 billion in economic output, and generating over \$5.4 billion in federal tax revenue annually.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 46 U.S.C. 54301.

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

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