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MEMBER OF CONGRESS
FOURTEENTH DISTRICT, TEXAS
March 23, 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 Tom Cole
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Cole, and Ranking Member Quigley:

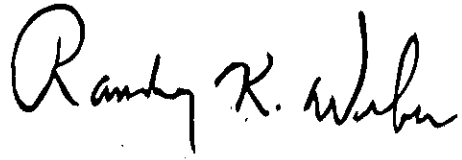
As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2024 (FY24) Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you provide a funding level of \$16,000,000.00 for the Velasco Terminal Sustainable Expansion Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is Port Freeport, Texas, located at 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas 77541.

The funding would be used to construct a new 36,900 square foot (sf) cross-dock facility and a terminal gate. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because, in 2019, Texas ports handled 598 million tons of cargo, the first in the nation. Port Freeport is one of 11 deep water ports on the Texas coast and is the only port in Texas, other than Houston, which has post-Panamax capable container cranes. As such, Freeport is an essential member of the Texas ports system, generating \$450 billion in total economic value each year.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 46 USC 54301.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy K. Weber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

RANDY K. WEBER
United States Representative