

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 Galveston Ship Channel Dredging 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 for dredging to further eliminate persistent depth and width restrictions that hinder safe and efficient vessel navigation within the waterway. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Galveston Ship Channel, which is used to move goods from the Port of Galveston, is a critical waterway in Texas' 14th Congressional District that provides significant returns on investment for the nation. The Port of Galveston provides services for both cargo and cruise ship traffic. Because of this "double duty," the Port of Galveston receives over 4,000,000 tons of cargo and over 1,000,000 cruise passengers annually, generating approximately \$2,300,000,000 in economic impact and creating nearly 14,000 jobs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by WRDA 2018, Section 1401(1)(3) PL 115-270, America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018.

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