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The Honorable Tom Cole Chair House Appropriations Committee 2358-B Rayburn Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Port Tampa Bay Channel Improvement Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District located at 701 San Marco Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32207. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would be used for project, design and engineering work, enabling Port Tampa Bay to make navigation improvements in the harbor to improve safety, increase the port's capacity, and enhance the local, regional and state supply chain for a growing population.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Resolution Adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on 23 July 1997 (Docket 2533); Sec. 3053(b), Water Resources Development Act of 2007, Public Law 110-114; and Water Resources Infrastructure section of the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-272).

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

Sincerely,

Kathy Castor

Kathy Castor United States Representative Florida – District 14