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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 Tampa Bay Regional Passenger Ferry Vessel in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding is the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority located at 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33716. The funding would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it would be used to secure a ferry vessel to connect two major cities through efficient public transit, spur economic development, increase tourism opportunities, and reduce local congestion.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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 "Kathy Castor".

Kathy Castor  
United States Representative  
Florida – District 14