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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 Phase 2 in fiscal year 2027. 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 funding would be used for Phase 2 of project, design and engineering work for the Tampa Harbor Channel Improvement Project, which will add another four feet of depth to the Port's 43-mile shipping channel. The funding would be an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it would enable 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Castor".

Kathy Castor
United States Representative

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