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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
U.S. House of Representatives
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 – The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
U.S. House of Representatives
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Yellow Creek Port Wharf Reconstruction Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority, located at 43 County Road 370, Iuka, MS, 38852.

Reconstructing the Yellow Creek Port is a smart investment in Mississippi's freight infrastructure, ensuring continued support for over 1,300 jobs and major regional employers. The current port structure, built in 1973, is dangerously deteriorated and must be rebuilt to safely handle a 50% surge in barge traffic. This project will not only preserve existing economic activity but also double the port's capacity, positioning it for long-term growth and reliability.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Trent Kelly', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress

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