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March 29, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Aberdeen: MS; Port of Aberdeen project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This would be a good use of taxpayer funds due to the positive economic impact for the community. The funding would be used dredging of approximately 60,000 cubic yards of material from around both docks of the Port of Aberdeen. Since the major flood of 2020, one of the docks is completely inaccessible due to low water levels caused by sediment deposits. The other dock currently maintains operation but can only service shallow draft vessels. Both docks are in need of major dredging to reestablish safe and reliable access. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure dredging is completed for an important port in the State of Mississippi.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Rivers & Harbors Act of 1946. 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'.

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress

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