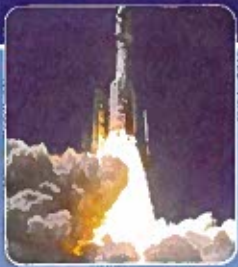


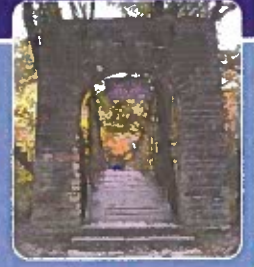
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**The Honorable Trent Kelly, Representative
First District of Mississippi
United States House of Representatives
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515**

Dear Representative Kelly:

The Yellow Creek Port Wharf Reconstruction Project is vital to the economic development strategy for Tishomingo County and Northeast Mississippi and we support its request for Community Project Funding.

As the economic development agency for the county, we regularly tout Yellow Creek Port as an important asset to the community when recruiting industry. This project, along with other recent projects, will greatly enhance the port's available dock space, efficiency, and safety. This will help us market the location to companies that are interested in locating in Tishomingo County and help our existing industry grow and add more jobs.

Thank you for your support of the Yellow Creek Port Wharf Reconstruction Project. This critical investment will enhance our community's competitiveness and ensure that Yellow Creek Port will remain one of Mississippi's key logistics hubs.

Sincerely,

**Gary Matthews,
Executive Director**



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March 27, 2025

Representative Trent Kelly
United States House of Representatives
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kelly,

I write today in support of the Yellow Creek Port Wharf Reconstruction Project in Tishomingo County, Mississippi.

This project, sponsored by the Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority (YCP), seeks to reconstruct the existing barge dock, which is over 50 years old and at the end of its useful life. Yellow Creek Port, one of only two state ports in Mississippi, has experienced a 50% increase in tonnage at its main terminal in recent years, making the reconstruction of this critical infrastructure essential to handling continued growth and ensuring safe and efficient operations.

Yellow Creek Port serves as a major freight and logistics hub for Northeast Mississippi, supporting more than 1,300 jobs in Tishomingo County and providing essential services to key tenants such as Ergon, Skyline Steel, FerrouSouth, and Mississippi Silicon. The barge dock, originally constructed in 1973, has reached the end of its functional lifespan and must be rehabbed.

This project, along with others currently underway, will double the port's capacity, ensuring that it can continue to support economic growth and increased barge traffic safely and efficiently.

Thank you for your support of the Yellow Creek Port Wharf Reconstruction Project. This critical investment will enhance regional economic development, improve transportation infrastructure, and ensure the continued viability of one of Mississippi's key logistics hubs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel H. Sparks".

Senator Daniel Sparks

Mississippi House of Representatives

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REPRESENTATIVE LESTER "BUBBA" CARPENTER

District 1
Alcorn and Tishomingo Counties

March 25, 2025

Representative Trent Kelly
United States House of Representatives
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kelly,

Please support the funding for the Yellow Creek Port Wharf Reconstruction Project in Tishomingo County, Mississippi. This project will reconstruct the existing barge dock, which is over 50 years old and at the end of its useful life, and is critical to the continued growth of this economic engine in my area.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bubba Carpenter". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "B" and a cursive "Carpenter".

Bubba Carpenter
District 1



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Representative Trent Kelly
United States House of Representatives
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kelly,

We write today in support of the Yellow Creek Port Wharf Reconstruction Project in Tishomingo County, Mississippi. Mississippi Silicon is located in Burnsville, MS, and we truck our product to the port for storage and trans-load onto a barge for shipment to the end user. Having a local barge dock to load out barges for Mississippi Silicon is a vital part to our company.

This project, sponsored by the Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority, seeks to reconstruct the existing barge dock, which is over 50 years old and at the end of its useful life. We rely on Yellow Creek Port to move our product and could not continue to operate and provide good paying jobs in Tishomingo County without that dock.

We support the port's expansion plans and believe that this project is one critical piece of the overall plan to modernize and expand the facilities to serve our needs and the needs of the other industry in the area. Additional capacity and a more efficient and safer operating environment at the port will support our business growth into the future.

Thank you for your support of the Yellow Creek Port Wharf Reconstruction Project. This critical investment will enhance our business's competitiveness and ensure the continued viability of Yellow Creek Port as one of Mississippi's key logistics hubs.

Sincerely,

W. Edward Boardwine
Chief Executive Officer



March 26, 2025

Representative Trent Kelly
United States House of Representatives
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kelly,

I am writing to express our strong support for the Yellow Creek Port Wharf Reconstruction Project in Tishomingo County, Mississippi. As a steel processor located in Yellow Creek Port, Ferrousouth has relied on the port's capabilities for over 25 years to facilitate the movement of our products.

The proposed project, sponsored by the Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority, aims to reconstruct the existing barge dock, which is over 50 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. For businesses like ours, which depend on the port for efficient transport, the continued operation of this dock is essential to our ability to provide good-paying jobs in Tishomingo County.

We fully support the port's expansion plans, believing that this project is a vital component of the broader effort to modernize and expand the facilities. The increased capacity and enhanced operational safety will help support not only our business growth but also the growth of other industries in the region.

We appreciate your support for the Yellow Creek Port Wharf Reconstruction Project. This investment will not only bolster our competitiveness but also ensure the continued vitality of Yellow Creek Port as a key logistics hub in Mississippi.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,
Todd C. Bennett
Operations Manager
Ferrousouth