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**CITY OF ABERDEEN**  
March 21, 2023

Melissa Moore, *City Clerk*  
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Roy Haynes, *City Inspector*  
Quinell Shumpert, *Chief of Police*  
Fred Hodges, *Fire Chief*  
Robert Faulks, *City Attorney*

Representative Trent Kelly  
2243 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2401

Dear Honorable Kelly,

The City of Aberdeen sends its heartfelt thanks for the tremendous support you have given our city in the past 23 months. Your support has created a spirit of completeness and has afforded the city with of vision of economic growth and infrastructure viability.

As a point of reference, Aberdeen recently received \$803,000 from Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) Port Improvement Fund to complete Phase II of Aberdeen Port Improvement Project. This to go along with the Maritime Grant of 4 million dollars received to complete the Rail Spur to the Dock.

Due to no activity at the north end of Aberdeen Port - there has been major sediment accumulating over the years. These deposits have created safety concerns and must be rectified. We ask for your support in this dredging requirement to improve safety and make Aberdeen Port a fully operational multimodal Port. Please see below stats for description needs.

**Project Description:** 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.

Thanks again Honorable Kelly, for your support in this endeavor – Aberdeen Vision 2030 is working based on your office support. For more information I can be reached @ 662-436-7074 or cscott@ci.aberdeen.ms.us

Aberdeen Vision 2030,

Charles Scott  
City of Aberdeen – Mayor

**Project Title:** Port of Aberdeen, MS Dredging

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**Estimated Start Date:** 06/01/2024

**Estimated End Date:** 07/01/2024

**Amount Requested for FY24:** \$750,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$750,000

**FY24 President's Budget Request Amount:** \$0

**FY23 Enacted Amount:** \$0

**Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment?** Yes

**Request submitted to another subcommittee this fiscal year?** No

**Is the funding requested by a government or non-profit organization?** Yes – Municipality

**Recipient Point of Contact:** Charles Scott, Mayor

**Recipient Phone Number:** 662-212-5468

**Recipient Email Address:** [cscott@ci.aberdeen.ms.us](mailto:cscott@ci.aberdeen.ms.us)

**In which congressional district is the recipient located?** MS-01

**Recipient Legal Name:** City of Aberdeen

**Street Address:** 125 W. Commerce Street

**City/State:** Aberdeen, MS 39730

**Corps District:** Mobile

**Was this request informed by information received from the Corps District?** Yes

# Mississippi House of Representatives

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

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## REPRESENTATIVE KARL GIBBS District 36 Clay and Monroe Counties

March 21, 2023

The Honorable Trent Kelly  
2243 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2401

Dear Representative Kelly:

Please accept this letter as an acknowledgement of my full support for the improvements being sought for the Port of Aberdeen. The dredging project will continue recent efforts that Aberdeen has initiated to make the Port a fully functional multimodal asset along the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

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Thanks again for your support in this endeavor. The dredging project will alleviate years of sediment buildup and improve both safety and economic development opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl Gibbs".

Karl Gibbs

# Mississippi House of Representatives

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**REPRESENTATIVE RICKEY W. THOMPSON**  
District 16  
Lee and Monroe Counties

March 22, 2023

The Honorable Trent Kelly  
2243 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 30515-2401

Dear Representative Kelly:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support to fund dredging the Port of Aberdeen in Aberdeen, MS.

The City of Aberdeen is a certified retirement community that embodies the essence of Southern hospitality. It offers a wealth of small-town charm with its tree-lined streets, antebellum homes, and historical architecture. Dredging the port will eliminate the major sediment deposits that has accumulated over the years and will improve safety and make the Aberdeen Port a fully operational multimodal port.

I fully support the efforts of the City of Aberdeen as they seek funding for dredging the Aberdeen port that will reestablish safety and reliable access to the docks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rickey W. Thompson".

Rickey W. Thompson  
Representative, District 16

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March 21, 2023

The Honorable Trent Kelly  
United States House of Representatives  
2243 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2401

*Re: Port of Aberdeen – Dredging Project*

Dear Representative Kelly:

Please allow this letter to serve as acknowledgement of my full support for improvements being sought for the Port of Aberdeen. The dredging project will continue recent efforts that Aberdeen has initiated to make the Port a fully functional multimodal asset along the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. These improvements are fully aligned with our regional EDA funded Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and will serve as an extremely important development in our region. The dredging project will alleviate years of sediment buildup and improve both safety and economic development opportunities.

As always, I appreciate the outstanding leadership and noble service that you provide to the citizens of Mississippi.

Sincerely,



Vernon R. Kelley, III  
Executive Director

**Three Rivers Planning & Development District serves as the fiscal and administrative agency for:**

Three Rivers Solid Waste Management Authority  
Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging (AAA)  
Three Rivers CDE, Inc.  
IMR, LLC

Three Rivers Community Investment, Inc.  
The Mississippi Partnership for Workforce Development  
GM&O Rails-to-Trails Recreational District of North Mississippi

Three Rivers Local Development Company, Inc.  
Mississippi Access to Care (MAC)  
Enhance Mississippi, LLC  
The PUL Alliance



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The Honorable Trent Kelly  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2243 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2401

Dear Congressman Kelly

The Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority is pleased to support the efforts of the City of Aberdeen in their request of support for the Port of Aberdeen Dredging Project.

Due to non-activity at the north end of Aberdeen Port, there has been major sediment accumulating over the years. These deposits have created safety concerns and must be rectified. We ask for your support in this dredging requirement to improve safety and make Aberdeen Port, as well as the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, fully operational and safer for all.

Dredging of approximately 60,000 cubic yards of material from around both docks of the Port of Aberdeen needs to be done. 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.

Thank you for your dedicated efforts to support business and industry located on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell B. Mays".

Mitchell B. Mays  
Administrator