

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1806

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

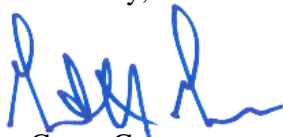
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the deepening of the Houma Navigation Canal in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive such funding is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, located at 7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118. This funding will be used to continue pre-engineering and design for the deepening of the canal to 20 feet. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it represents a critical step to ensuring our private industries have the infrastructure they need to operate efficiently and safely. It will also coordinate with other authorized projects in the area, including the completion of the Morganza to the Gulf Project's Houma Navigation Canal Lock Complex, which is expected to be completed in the next few years. These systems will return the highest possible value to taxpayers if they are completed in coordination with one another.

The project has a Federal nexus because it was specifically authorized in Section 403(a) 3 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (Division AA of P.L. 116-260).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Garret Graves
Member of Congress