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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Florence-Lauderdale County Port Authority Dock Reconstruction Project, Florence, AL, Lauderdale County, 4th Congressional District project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Florence-Lauderdale County Port Authority, located at 669 S. Poplar Street, Florence, AL, 35630. The funding would be used for the reconstruction of a 60-year-old dock at the Port of Florence. Currently, the dock is failing and 80 of 200 feet has already been condemned as unsafe for operations. The project will provide a fully capable multi-modal operational dock for the transfer of materials between barge, rail and truck.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because among many structural failures, the northern end of the dock has become unusable due to the loss of aggregate in the cells beneath the concrete paving. Reconstruction will allow movement of approximately 200,000 tons per year across the dock from truck to barge for transport to Ohio along the Tennessee and Ohio Rivers which will reduce trucking freight on our highways by 5,000 trucks per year to reduce congestion and maintenance costs.

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,

Robert B. Aderholt  
Member of Congress