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Chairman Tom Cole  
2207 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
2413 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Erie County Industrial Development Agency in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, located at 95 Perry St, Suite 403, Buffalo, NY 14202. The funding would be used for the modernization of the Port of Buffalo.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow the Port of Buffalo to expand significantly, helping to create new good-paying jobs. Specifically, the project will upgrade the Port of Buffalo's stormwater collection and treatment system. Significant and severe events have occurred at the Port that have overwhelmed existing stormwater control measures, threatening the health of Lake Erie, delaying loading and unloading, and expanding emissions due to increased idling of tractor-trailers, freighters, and barges. By investing in upgraded stormwater infrastructure, the Port will be able to manage the existing and anticipated increased precipitation events to avoid flooding, increase productivity, and allow for continued job growth while mitigating ecology impacts to Lake Erie.

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,

Timothy M. Kennedy  
Member of Congress