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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 Port of Buffalo Safety and Resiliency Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, located at 95 Perry Street, Suite 403, Buffalo, New York 14203. The funding would be used to improve the safety and resiliency of the Port of Buffalo/Gateway Trade Center by upgrading its stormwater collection and treatment system to reduce severe flooding incidents and implementing security measures identified in the Port's Facility Security Plan.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because significant and severe flooding events are overwhelming the Port's existing antiquated stormwater infrastructure, threatening worker health and safety, delaying loading and offloading operations, and contributing to the Port's competitive disadvantage. The Port of Buffalo is a critical component of Western New York's manufacturing and logistics economy, supporting a regional manufacturing sector of 61,360 workers across 1,581 firms with an average wage of \$85,474. By investing in upgraded stormwater and security infrastructure, this project will improve operational safety and resiliency, increase productivity, support continued job growth, and advance the region's economic vitality.

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