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May 10, 2024

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Industrial Lead Railroad Rehabilitation project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District (Port of Lake Charles), located at 1611 W Sallier St, Lake Charles, LA 70601. The funding would be used to upgrade existing railroad and drainage infrastructure from Excepted Track to Class 1 track. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this initiative will bolster economic development by facilitating multimodal cargo movements, creating jobs, and fostering regional economic growth.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 of Title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins".

Clay Higgins  
Member of Congress