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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the South Central Coastal, Louisiana Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at 7400 Leake Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118. The funding would be used for the construction of flood-proofing and elevating structures to mitigate the impact of storms. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because With full participation, USACE estimates the plan can reduce risk for more than 2,200 residential, commercial and public structures within the study area. Overall, the plan is projected to reduce an annual average of $45 million in hurricane and coastal storm-induced damages during its 50-year design life. Expected outputs include a reduction in the risk of flooding (frequency and magnitude) and the enhancement of the Nation's economic development, job growth, and international competitiveness, which are all supported by Administration policy.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 8401 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

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

Respectfully,

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress