



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

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

Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Industrial Lead Railroad Rehabilitation Project Phase II project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District, located at 1611 West Sallier Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. The funding would be used to rehabilitate and upgrade existing industrial lead track and associated drainage infrastructure in Calcasieu Parish from excepted track to Class 1 track standards. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it preserves and modernizes essential freight rail infrastructure that supports interstate commerce and national supply chains.

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