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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Delta Link Louisiana Regional Ports Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lake Providence Port Commission, located at 409 Port Road, Lake Providence, LA 71254.

The funding would be used to repair existing docks, bulkhead, and warehouse facilities; develop a highspeed bulk loading facility; and complete a slack water slip at three northeast Louisiana ports, the Ports of Lake Providence, Tensas, and Vidalia, along an over 200-mile stretch of the Mississippi River. The funds will provide enhanced port facilities for the export of agricultural commodities in parishes that rank among the most impoverished in America.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will catalyze further economic impact at these three ports that are centrally located in Louisiana and provide critical access to agricultural, manufacturing, and petrochemical industries that drive local and regional economic development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 46 USC 54301.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow, Ph.D.
MEMBER OF CONGRESS