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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Black Rock Lock and Tonawanda Harbor – Bird Island Pier project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at 1776 Niagara St, Buffalo, NY 14207. The funding would repair weather related damage to the pier.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the federal government has an obligation to ensure our public infrastructure is safe and structurally sound.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Black Rock: River and Harbor Acts of 1888, 1916 (P.L. 63-291), 1919 (P.L. 65-200), 1922 (P.L. 67-362), 1925 (P.L. 68-585), 1935 (P.L. 74-409), 1945 (P.L. 79-14) and the Flood Control Act of 1954 (P.L. 83-780).

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

Sincerely,



Brian Higgins
Member of Congress

13. Provide a funding level of \$2,770,000,000 for the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.
14. Provide a funding level of \$662,000,000 for the Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy
15. Provide a funding level of \$130,000,000 for the Energy Frontier Research Centers
16. Provide a funding level of \$150,000,000 for the Office of Technology Transitions.
17. Provide support for the Inertial Confinement Fusion program.
18. Provide a funding level of \$99,400,000 for the New York OMEGA Laser Facility
19. Include the following report language in the Inertial Confinement Fusion and High Yield Program:

“The Committee recommends \$685,000,000 for the Inertial Confinement Fusion Ignition and High-Yield Campaign program. Within available funds, not less than \$99,400,000 is for the OMEGA Laser Facility. Not less than \$42,000,000 is to be provided by NNSA to target vendors for acquisition and to support continued research and development of the increasingly innovative and complex targets required to meet the needs of the ICF program.”
20. Provide general support to the DOE Office of Science

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Higgins". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Brian Higgins
Member of Congress