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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$5,800,000 in funding for Ventura Harbor in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at 915 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 930 Los Angeles, CA 900017-3401.

The funding would be used for dredging of Ventura Harbor. Maintenance dredging is required annually to ensure adequate navigational depths for Ventura Harbor safety, commerce and operations. As a working waterfront, the Harbor records landings of 38.8M pounds of fish landings (10 year average) and services the largest squid fishing fleet on the West Coast. Squid fishing "purse seiner" vessels require a deep draft harbor. The Harbor's commercial and recreational fishing directly employ 600 crew members, truck drivers, and laborers with an additional 300 employees in nearby processing facilities. A recent economic study indicated that Ventura Harbor has a total economic impact of \$246M. Ventura Harbor is also the homeport for the U.S. National Park Service, providing public access to the Channel Islands National Park System. The park's mainland visitor center receives 300,000 visitors annual with 30,000 visitors traveling to the islands and another 60,000 use park waters.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julia Brownley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JULIA BROWNLEY
Member of Congress