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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Port of Hueneme Modernization and Capacity Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Oxnard Harbor District – Port of Hueneme, located at 333 Ponomo St, Port Hueneme, CA 93041.

The funding would be used for relocating squid offloading to the Ventura Port District from the Port of Hueneme, which will maximize economic development opportunity, export competitiveness, safety, and efficiency at the Port of Hueneme. Once relocated, the squid offloading facility needs to be demolished, graded and paved to create a state of the art - modernized staging area for safe, efficient cargo handling. The upgraded area will not only support the existing \$18 billion flow of goods that support 25,000 jobs, but it will also support the Port's emerging export commerce project that will service Ventura County's vibrant agricultural industry and the nation's export trade for agriculture, meat and poultry. This project is needed to assist in completing the overall project and improving the site once the squid offloading has been moved. It will help improve efficiency, increase staging of export cargo, grow jobs and improve safety of operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it maximizes economic development in a small area that can be better utilized for cargo that the Port specializes in. It leverages funds received by the State as well as capital funds from both the Port and the Ventura Harbor. It applies practical solutions to improve port operations, reduce risk, and promote responsible growth in a way that safeguards commerce, jobs, and America's coastal assets. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 46 USC 54301.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julia Brownley".

JULIA BROWNLEY  
Member of Congress