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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Michigan City Harbor, IN in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – Chicago District (LRC). The funding would be used for the operations and maintenance activities at Michigan City Harbor.

Funding allocated to support operations and maintenance at Michigan City Harbor will support economic development within the City of Michigan City driven by its proximity to Lake Michigan and the availability of the harbor. More importantly, Michigan City Harbor and its channel provide safe refuge for recreational boats traveling within southern Lake Michigan during adverse weather events. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) maintains law enforcement and rescue vessels within the port; improving the navigable waterway within the harbor and channel will improve the USCG's access to and from the port to conduct its Homeland Security missions on Lake Michigan. The request is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because funding will allow the Chicago District to address the needs of this harbor within its authorized mission.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section Rivers and Harbors Acts of 1836, 1870, 1899, 1905, 1927, 1935, 1960, 1970, and Water Resources Development Acts 1986 and 1996.

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

Sincerely,

Frank J. Mrvan
Member of Congress

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