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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for P-1291, Shore Power for Virginia Class Submarines, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown (NWS Yorktown), Virginia in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, located at 160 Main Rd., Yorktown, VA 23691.

The funding would be used for construction of a new 3,200A utility substation at the south end of Pier R3 at NWS Yorktown for Virginia Class submarines to conduct loading and unloading operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because NWS Yorktown substation at Pier R3 is currently only capable of providing 50 percent of the shore power requirement of the Virginia Class (VACL) submarines. Without the proposed power upgrades, inadequate shore power will cause reduced operational capability leading to increases in costs, maintenance, and deployment impacts.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169 and the National Defense Authorization Act.

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

Sincerely,

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Robert J. Wittman  
Member of Congress