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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Winter Harbor: Dredged Material Management Plan and Maintenance of Upland Placement Site in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The funding would be used to evaluate the feasibility of continued use of the current Winter Harbor upland dredged material placement site, which has a Federal Easement that expires in 2028. These objectives will be achieved through development of a Dredged Material Management Program, Environmental Coordination Work, and Real Estate; and required maintenance of the approximately 12-acre dredged material placement site serving Winter Harbor, which is currently at-capacity and unable to support additional dredged material placement.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Winter Harbor was last dredged in 2009–2010 but requires maintenance dredging every 5–10 years. Without a placement site for future dredged material, maintenance of the harbor is not economically feasible for the community and has left the channel too shallow for vessels to navigate.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 101 of the River and Harbor Act of 1950 (Public Law 81-516).

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

Sincerely,

Robert J. Wittman

Member of Congress