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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Winter Harbor, Mathews County, VA project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity receiving the funding is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The funding would support the dredging of Winter Harbor in Mathews County, Virginia. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because the harbor has not been dredged since 2009-2010 and severe shoaling has occurred throughout the channel. The dredging of the harbor would reestablish navigable depths to provide safe navigation for commercial and recreational vessels utilizing the working waterfront, 44 piers, two marinas, and two boat ramps, and would greatly expand access to the Chesapeake Bay for waterman and fisherman in the region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in Section 102 of the River and Harbor Act of 1950 (P.L. 81-516).

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

I hope that you will consider this request as you develop the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations bills.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Wittman
Member of Congress