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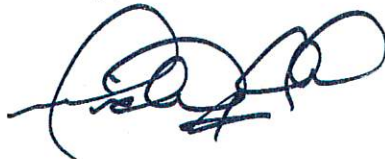
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (UACE) located at P.O. Box 397, Point Comfort, Texas, 77978. The funding would be used for construction of the entrance channel hopper dredging and oyster mitigation. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because planned improvements to the Matagorda Ship Channel are expected to increase crude oil and eFuel exports to nearly six million tons (42 million barrels) per year, bringing approximately \$25 billion in capital investments and 3600 new jobs. These initiatives all advance the President's Executive Order 14154 on Unleashing American Energy and other stated Administration priorities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 401 (1) 8, Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2020 (P.L. 116-260).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Michael Cloud
Member of Congress