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Congress of the United States
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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Stonington Commercial Fish Pier Improvement Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Stonington, located at P.O. Box 9, Stonington, Maine, 04681. The funding would be used for dredging necessary to support pier improvements and increased elevation of three feet for flood mitigation and to address climate-related sea level rise and storm surge at the Stonington fish pier.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the dredging program must be completed prior to pier elevation and other improvements. These critical improvements to Stonington's working waterfront infrastructure benefit more than 350 licensed, independently owned and operated fishing boats, their crews, and multiple buyers who in turn generate \$55 to \$70 million in revenues annually.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress