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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Morganza to the Gulf (Morganza) MR&T Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District located at 7400 Leake Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118. The funding would be used to advance critical features of the Morganza system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Morganza system will protect not only the communities and residents within Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes, but also an industrial base that supports about 20 percent of our nation's domestically produced oil and natural gas. Moreover, the system will protect shipyards currently building or repairing vessels for the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA, and NSF. Lastly, nearly \$1 billion has been invested in the Morganza system through local and state funds, with residents taxing themselves for over 20 years to build this hurricane protection infrastructure.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1001 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-114).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Scalise".

Steve Scalise
Member of Congress