

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1801**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger, Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the construction of the North-South Connecting Road Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District, located at 100 Port Blvd, 3rd Floor, Chalmette, Louisiana 70043. The funding would be used for construction of a new 0.7-mile roadway between LA Highway 46 and LA Highway 39 to connect to the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Port's location along the lower Mississippi River, one of the busiest shipping corridors in the world, allowed it to handle over seven million tons of bulk and general cargo in 2020. The North-South Connecting Road Project would enhance access to the port and aid in hurricane evacuation for the local community. Specifically, the North-South Connecting Road will serve as a critical transportation juncture and provide significantly more connectivity for St. Bernard Parish residents and businesses by connecting the parish's only two east-west corridors.

This project is eligible under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (23 U.S.C. 133(b)) within the DOT Highway Infrastructure Programs Account.

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

Sincerely,



Steve Scalise  
Member of Congress