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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington DC, 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$213,000,000 for the Chickamauga Lock Replacement Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, located at 5535 Trailhead Dr, Chattanooga, TN, 37415. This critically important inland waterway project has been ongoing since 2004. Due to construction delays in recent years, additional funding is needed to complete work on the lock chamber and approach walls, as well as decommission and restore the site of the existing lock. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it increases job flow into Chattanooga and East Tennessee, makes it easier for recreational and commercial vessels to pass through the dam, and supports the efficient transportation of cargo.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 114 of Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2003 (PL 108-7), reauthorized in America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (115-270).

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

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann
Member of Congress