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House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Dock Improvement Project to support a series of public facilities and public improvements at the Port of Milwaukee. The entity to receive funding would be the City of Milwaukee, which is located at 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee WI 53202.

The project would fund activities, including design, planning and construction for Dock work and related roadwork and utilities work on underutilized lands at the Port of Milwaukee to prevent or eliminate blight and support redevelopment for economic purposes and public use. The site is primarily underdeveloped and consists of a capped Confined Disposal Facility, and includes parcels owned by the City of Milwaukee which need infrastructure improvement. Redevelopment would benefit the community's health, growth in tax base, and support regional tourism and economic growth. The waterside location is ideal for increased public access to the waterfront and has significant development potential.

The project would lay the foundation to support future development in the area. Possible uses include creation of a new tourism facility to accommodate passenger cruises, to better integrate on-site U.S. Coast Guard facilities, modernization and improvements to support waterside recreation, or a new multi-season public access facility and event space.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would enhance economic development and the public's ability to use and generate revenues from a piece of public land that is currently underutilized and prevent it from becoming blighted.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Gwen Moore
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

