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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Annapolis City Dock Resilience Project in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Annapolis, located at 160 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, MD 21401. The funding would be used for the design and construction of a uniform system of fixed and deployable flood barriers along Compromise Street. These barriers will protect the City's waterfront from flooding from major storms, which could bypass other City flood protection measures and cause water to rush through various lower-lying privately owned lots. The project will provide uniform protection to an elevation of 8 feet and will also construct flood mitigation at the end of Prince George Street, where the City of Annapolis waterfront meets the United States Naval Academy. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will protect the City's most iconic and accessible public space, as well as the businesses, restaurants and cultural and recreational opportunities it provides residents. It will also ensure that local communities maintain access to emergency services during and after severe storms that is otherwise prevented or hindered by severe flooding.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 203 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5133, as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

John P. Sarbanes Member of Congress

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