

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2201

March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting full funding of the new lock at the Soo Locks Complex in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the new lock at the Soo Locks complex will provide redundancy and security for American industry, our supply chain, and our Nation's economy. Under-funding the full capability of the USACE will force delays in construction that will further increase the total project cost and push back the already delayed timeline for completion. The project has a Federal nexus because it was authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, in H.R. 7776, Section 2, subsection a, Division H, subsection 6, number 5 which was signed into law on December 23, 2022. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Jack Bergman
Member of Congress