

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 1, 2019

The Honorable Russell Vought  
Acting Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17th Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Acting Director Vought:

We write to express our unwavering support for the construction of a new lock at the Soo Locks complex located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. As the Administration works to craft the President's Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Request, we urge the continued inclusion of funding for a new Poe-sized lock.

The Soo Locks, a single point of failure in a multi-billion dollar supply chain, is a critically important infrastructure project for the Great Lakes region and the entire nation. From our military and maritime industries to our steel and automotive production, American manufacturing relies on the health of the Soo Locks, which currently transits over 80 million tons of commodities each year. Aging infrastructure at the Locks leaves our supply chains vulnerable to any unplanned or unexpected outage of the Poe Lock. We appreciate the Administration's strong support for this project, which was made evident by the inclusion of \$75.3 million in the President's FY20 Budget Request. This marked the first time a President's Budget Request included funding for a new lock since it was originally authorized in 1986.

As you already know, \$75.3 million was included in both the House and Senate FY20 Appropriations bills. This bipartisan, bicameral commitment to the Soo Locks illustrates the significance of this project. We hope to continue this momentum and request that the Administration fully fund the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' requested capabilities and projected needs in the President's FY21 Budget Request. These resources will build upon the work that has already begun on the new lock. Specifically, the Corps has stated these funds will be used for upstream channel deepening, design of the upstream approach walls, and continued design of the new lock chamber.

We are encouraged by the progress made on this project to date and ask for the Administration's continued support in Fiscal Year 2021 and beyond. Thank you for your commitment to the Soo Locks and our nation's infrastructure.


Sincerely,

  
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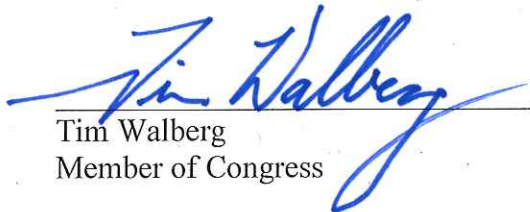
  
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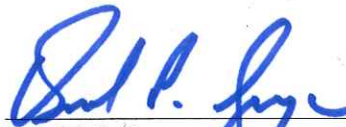
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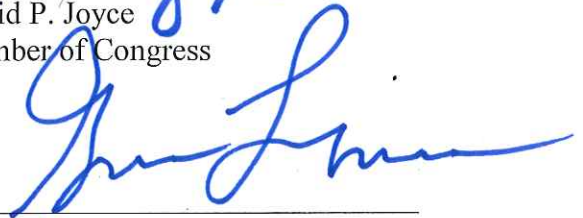
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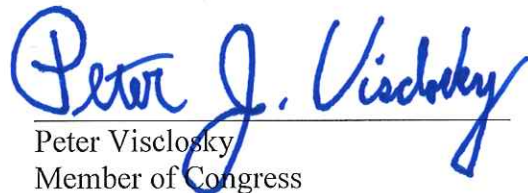
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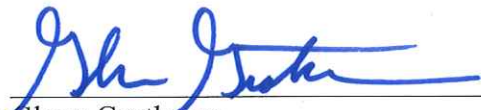


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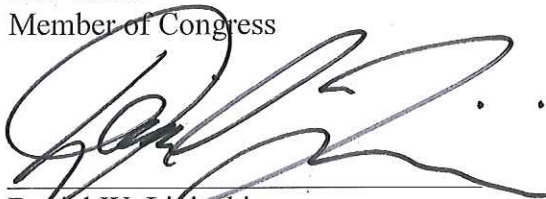
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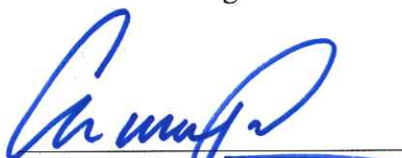
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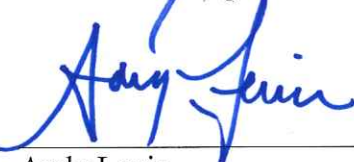
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