

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

May 3, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the SAULT STE. MARIE (REPLACEMENT LOCK), MI project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used for the construction of the new lock at the Soo Locks in fiscal year 2025, and I am requesting \$186,200,000 for this purpose. 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 the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 8401 of Division H, Title LXXXI, Subtitle D of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

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