



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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro: I am requesting funding for Port Authority Continued Demolition of Multiple Structures at Erie, PA Coke Site in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Erie Western PA Port Authority, located at 1 Holland Street Erie PA 16507. The funding would be used for Continued Demolition of Multiple Structures at Erie, PA Coke Site. Located less than one mile from Erie City downtown, forming part of the southern border of the Erie Harbor Entrance Canal between Lake Erie and Presque Isle Bay, and adjacent to Lampe Campground and Marina, fishing and water sports areas, and the Carmeuse Aggregates Dock and Donjon Shipbuilding and Repair, the former Erie Coke site encompasses 100 acres of unusable land on prime, lakefront property. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because flipping 100 acres of Lake Erie waterfront property from abandoned, soot- and coke-covered buildings and black-charred soil to thriving commercial and residential property providing safe, clean waterfront access to residents and tourists and the ability for the Port Authority to increase and improve port commerce through terminal expansion and additional import and export storage for the region's import and export link to the world through the St. Lawrence Seaway, the Erie Coke reclamation project is truly a project that will benefit everyone. The overall project is expected to take twenty years to reach full redevelopment and cost more than \$50,000,000 to prepare the site for new construction, but the results will expand tax revenue exponentially, based on the current economic drain of 100 idle acres in the city's downtown. This \$2,000,000 funding request to spearhead project cleanup will have greater impact than just monetary support; it will prove commitment by and through all regional representatives, investors, and elected officials to capitalize on one of Pennsylvania's most precious and underutilized assets of Great Lake access.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress