



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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Erie Coke Demolition Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Western Pennsylvania Port Authority located at 1 Holland Street, Erie, PA 16507. The project is located at 925 East Bay Drive, Erie, PA 16507. The funding would be used for the demolition of the smokestack and condemned structures at the former Erie Coke Site. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would help remediate the environmental hazards presented by the abandoned Erie Coke site which would benefit the health and safety of the entire community. This project would address the current health and safety issues threatening nearby residents and businesses, as well as Erie's waterways, from the condemned structures and contaminated acreage left behind by the former Coke manufacturing facility.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly
Member of Congress