



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Holland slip dockwall for the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority, located at 220 East Bayfront Parkway Erie, PA 16507.

The funding would be used to fix the aging Holland slip dockwall infrastructure which combined with historic high-water levels in Lake Erie have caused sinkholes to appear. This in turn has weakened the mooring bollards and cleats. This supports the shipping industry across eight Great Lakes States. This project will address the following infrastructure failure of approximately 550 linear feet of wall requires above waterline repair and re-capping as well as adjacent staging yard stabilization and re-surfacing, approximately 550 linear feet of the asphalt yard staging area along the relatively new southern portion sheet pile seawall is expressing significant settlement and pavement failure, and replacement of one failed mooring bollard and add one new mooring bollard to safely handle the Great Lakes Freighter.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly
Member of Congress