

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

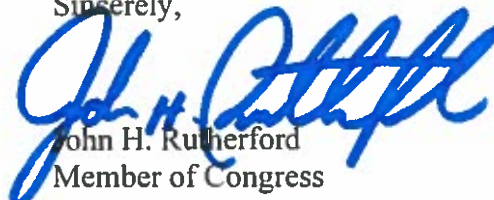
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of the City of St. Augustine and my constituents in Florida's 4th Congressional District, I am requesting \$1,000,000 for the St. Augustine Back Bay Feasibility Study in Fiscal Year 2023 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill. The Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers located at 701 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207 will receive the funding for this project.

If granted, this funding would build on funds included in the FY 2022 E&W bill to continue a study that evaluates the water, coastline, and city infrastructure to determine if possible engineered or nature-based projects could eliminate or mitigate the risk of back bay flooding within the city of St. Augustine. This historic city draws six million visitors a year to Northeast Florida and generates over \$1 billion in revenue. This study would help protect the priceless pieces of history that draw people to the area and tell the stories of the European settlers, freed slaves, and the Native Americans that have inhabited the land for hundreds of years.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,



John H. Rutherford
Member of Congress