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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the planning and design of P909, Waterfront Emergency Power in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Naval Station Mayport, located at 1 Massey Avenue, Mayport, FL, 32228.

The funding would be used for designing an emergency power station and electrical grid improvements to sustain essential mission capability up to and including a Category 2 Hurricane. The objective of this project is to create an organic emergency electrical power generating capability sufficient to supply the waterfront independently within 72 hours of passage of a storm or immediately following an incident disrupting Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) power supply. This will allow Naval Station Mayport to remain fully mission capable to support returning ships upon clearing of the entrance channel and basin.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding would be for purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169.

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

Sincerely,

ohn H. Rutherford

Member of Congress