

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0904

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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

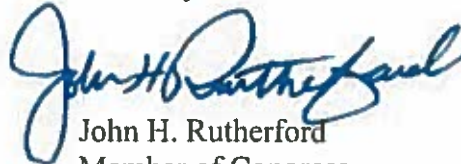
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of the Port of Fernandina and my constituents in Florida's 4th Congressional District, I am requesting \$500,000 for the Fernandina Harbor Study in the Fiscal Year 2022 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill. The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers located at 701 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207 will receive the funding for this project.

If funded, this project will investigate the feasibility and necessity of widening, deepening, and re-aligning the channel into Fernandina Harbor. This channel serves as the gateway to the Port of Fernandina, one of Florida's 14 deep water ports. The Port of Fernandina provides service to pulp, paper, and steel producers throughout Florida and the Southeast United States. With easy access to major highways and rail connections, this port is well situated for continued growth. Deepening the channel and turning basin will allow for larger ships to move through the port, helping to create more jobs and increase economic activity in Northeast Florida.

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