



**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC

March 19, 2026

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

The Honorable Ranking Member DeLauro  
Ranking Member, House Committee on  
Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Nome - Arctic Deep Draft Port project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at 2204 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, JBER, Alaska 99506.

The Nome Arctic Deep Draft Port project is a critical investment in U.S. infrastructure that will enhance maritime access in the Arctic, promote economic development in remote Alaskan communities, and strengthen national security by expanding strategic capabilities in the region. This project will ensure more efficient and cost-effective delivery of essential goods—including food and fuel—to Arctic and sub-Arctic residents, while also supporting U.S. sovereignty and presence in a rapidly evolving geopolitical environment.

The project has a federal nexus because it is authorized under Section 401 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2020.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicholas J. Begich III".

Nicholas J. Begich III  
Congressman for All Alaska