



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC

May 2, 2025

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

The Honorable Ranking Member DeLauro
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Gary Paxton Industrial Park Marine Haul Out Facility – Uplands Development project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is City and Borough of Sitka, located at 100 Lincoln Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835.

The Gary Paxton Industrial Park Marine Haul Out Facility project will strengthen Alaska's maritime economy by completing critical infrastructure to support vessel repair and maintenance for Sitka's commercial and subsistence fishing fleets. This investment will reduce dependence on distant shipyards, preserve and expand local marine service jobs, and enhance the resilience of Alaska's seafood supply chain—an industry of national importance to food security and economic stability.

The project has a federal nexus because it is eligible under the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP), as authorized by Section 54301 of Title 46, United States Code.

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