



**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  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the DeLong Commercial Dock Planning, Engineering, and Design Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Whittier, located at P.O. Box 608, Whittier, Alaska 99693.

The funding would be used for planning, engineering, and design of the DeLong Dock replacement, including a new sheet pile bulkhead, uplands staging area, improved mooring and fish pumping access, and related utility, drainage, lighting, and support facility upgrades.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve the safety, reliability, and efficiency of critical port infrastructure in Whittier. The project would support commercial marine activity, strengthen freight and fisheries operations, and improve transportation reliability for the region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 46 U.S.C. 54301.

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