



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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the St. George Harbor Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used to complete Project Engineering and Design (PED) and initiate construction of navigation improvements for the St. George Harbor, including safer access for subsistence, cargo, fuel, and commercial fishing vessels.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves maritime safety, protects a remote and vulnerable community, and supports essential economic and subsistence activities that are critical to the long-term viability of St. George.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 401 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-260).

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