



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC

May 19, 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 Homer Port FREIGHT: Critical Float System Replacement project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Homer, located at 491 E Pioneer Avenue, Homer, AK 99603.

The funding would be used to improve transportation infrastructure at Homer Port and Harbor, by replacing two aging float systems that were built in 1964. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these floats serve 503 of the harbor's 920 vessels and provide 4,100 feet of moorage. A 2022 report identified major safety, and reliability risks due to water infiltration, low freeboard, and severe corrosion. Despite maintenance, they are beyond life expectancy, with condemned sections and load restrictions. Continued degradation of current float systems, without replacement, would harm fishermen's livelihoods, freight schedules, and emergency medical access.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 46 USC 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

