



**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  
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 St. Hermans Harbor Infrastructure project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Kodiak, located at 710 Mill Bay Road, Kodiak, AK 99615.

The funding would be used to replace the float system and other inner harbor infrastructure in Kodiak's largest and most important harbor. With the exception of a few minor upgrades over the years, the original float system is beyond its useful life and is in need of replacement.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds would result in the reconstruction of St. Herman Harbor with the replacement of most of its float system in phases. Currently, the harbor has been losing one dock per year due to aging and saltwater elements. This rate of failure is likely to increase in future years as the existing docks further deteriorate. The most important harbor for Kodiak's seafood industry is St Hermans. Kodiak is the 3rd largest seafood landings port in the U.S. by volume and 7th by dollar value.

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