



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC

March 26, 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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Shepard Point Regional Port Construction project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Native Village of Eyak, located at 110 Nicholoff Way, P.O. Box 1388, Cordova, AK 99574.

The funding would enable marine access to a newly constructed federally funded access road and support critical maritime operations in Prince William Sound. The dock will provide infrastructure for oil spill response staging, commercial fishing activities, disaster response coordination, and deep-water vessel access in a region that currently lacks adequate port facilities.

The project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it activates and leverages approximately \$145 million in prior federal investment in transportation infrastructure, ensuring that those funds result in a fully functional marine access point.

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