



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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ouzinkie Port Development project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Ouzinkie, located at P.O. Box 109 Ouzinkie, AK 99644.

The funding would be used to modernize critical maritime infrastructure at the Port of Ouzinkie, the primary transportation and supply hub for the rural island community of Ouzinkie, Alaska. The project will construct a tide-responsive loading and off-loading ramp capable of accommodating tidal fluctuations of up to 20 feet and a small marine terminal and facilities building to support ferry passengers, freight handling, and harbor operations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve critical infrastructure at the Port of Ouzinkie, the primary transportation and supply hub for the rural island community of Ouzinkie, Alaska.

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