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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Black Rock Lock and Tonawonda Harbor Community Project in Fiscal Year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Buffalo District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

These funds will be used to make repairs to the lower west guide wall, upper east guide wall, Bird Island Pier, main power cabling, hydraulic cylinders and power units, and fabrication and installation of new miter gates. Originally built in the 1800s, the pier serves as a popular route for walking and bicycling for residents and visitors to WNY. Access to Bird Island Pier provides a pathway to walk along the Niagara River, view the Peace Bridge and Canada. Broderick Park, where the Bird Island Pier begins, is recognized as a crossing point for the Underground Railroad. Bird Island Pier is regularly damaged by storms and ice and requires routine maintenance to ensure it is safe and structurally sound.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Brian Higgins
Member of Congress