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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for the Vallejo Waterfront Derelict Vessel Removal and Waterway Restoration Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Vallejo, California located at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590-5922.

This Community Project Funding would be used to remove abandoned and derelict vessels along the South Vallejo waterfront in the Carquinez Strait, including large vessels that present environmental hazards and public safety risks. This effort will protect water quality, enhance navigation, and improve resilience of the Carquinez Strait corridor – a vital link connecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to the San Francisco Bay.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City – in partnership with regional ferry operators, environmental organizations, and maritime stakeholders – will implement coordinated vessel removal, environmental safeguards, and pier stabilization. The project has a clear federal nexus because the funding is for marine debris removal and other purposes authorized in the *Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972* (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

Pursuant to Clause, 17 of Rule XXIII of the U.S. House of Representatives, I certify that I have no financial interest in this project and neither does my immediate family. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Garamendi".

JOHN GARAMENDI
Member of Congress