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UNITED STATES CONGRESS

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The Honorable Kay Granger, Chairwoman  
The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro, Ranking  
Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Hal Rogers, Chairman  
The Honorable Matt Cartwright, Ranking  
Member  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science,  
and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations

RE: City of Benicia Boatyard Remediation and Debris Removal Project

Dear Chairs Granger and Simpson and Ranking Members DeLauro and Pingree:

I respectfully request \$4.8 million in Community Project Funding for the Benicia Boatyard Remediation and Debris Removal Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Benicia, California located at 250 East L Street, Benicia, CA 94510-3239.

This Community Project Funding would be used to clean up the City of Benicia's Boatyard by removing debris including derelict vessels and potentially hazardous materials from the Carquinez Strait. The project will also restore shoreline for both aquatic wildlife and recreation and is the cornerstone of the City's revitalization of this historic landmark.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City's project meets requirements from the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, which is the designated coastal management agency for the San Francisco Bay including the Carquinez Strait under California's NOAA-approved *Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972* (CZMA) program. The project has a clear Federal nexus because the funding provided 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,

JOHN GARAMENDI  
Member of Congress