

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 13, 2026

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue Southeast
Washington, DC 20258

Dear Secretary Noem,

We write in support of the City of New Orleans' pending request for an extension of the Joint Infrastructure Recovery Request (JIRR) program's period of performance through December 31, 2028.

The JIRR program represents one of the most comprehensive and critical rebuilding initiatives in the region's history following Hurricane Katrina. It has delivered substantial improvements to streets, drainage systems, water lines, and sewer infrastructure. While significant progress has been made, many projects are not yet complete.

We are grateful for the previous 6-month extension through July 1, 2026, and we request that you consider a longer extension that would provide the certainty needed to finish this vital work and deliver lasting benefits.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your role in supporting nationwide recovery efforts.

Sincerely,



Steve Scalise
House Majority Leader



Troy Carter
Member of Congress