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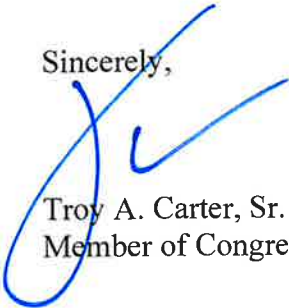
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bywater Rail Relocation Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New Orleans Public Belt (NOPB) located at 4822 Tchoupitoulas Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70115. The funding would be used to reroute the NOPB's Front Belt main line around the edge of the neighborhood through the site of the now-disused Naval Support Activity (NSA) complex, which will result in the closure of five existing public highway-rail grade crossings within the historically disadvantaged Bywater Neighborhood of New Orleans. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the Bywater neighborhood flow of traffic and congestion while also creating a safer section of the railroad for both the public and shippers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 of Title 49 of the US Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

  
Troy A. Carter, Sr.  
Member of Congress