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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 am requesting funding for the Bywater Rail Relocation in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is New Orleans Public Belt (NOPB) Railroad, located at 4822 Tchoupitoulas St, New Orleans, LA 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 Bywater Neighborhood of New Orleans, improving safety, traffic flow, and rail operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ameliorate the Bywater neighborhood's traffic congestion while creating a safer and more efficient railroad section for rail users and the surrounding community.

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