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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 Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Coastal and Fisheries Restoration Research and Equipment Initiative in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc., located at 2020 St. Charles Avenue, 5th Floor, New Orleans, LA 70130. The funding will support Louisiana coastal erosion and fisheries restoration research and equipment. This project includes the development of advanced technology equipment, the integration of data sensor equipment into units for continuous monitoring of metrics like water quality and salinity, and will support the testing and development of sustainable materials. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it meets the goals and requirements of NOAA's Coastal Zone Management program, which supports the protection, restoration, and responsible development of our nation's diverse coastal communities and resources.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

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