

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 18, 2026

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 Leveraging Waste Reduction and Culture for Coastal Restoration project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of New Orleans, located at 2000 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, LA 70148. The funding would be used to expand the collection of recyclable material for use in strengthening the wetlands that protect New Orleans, while developing a workforce able to sustain it. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these investments help lower long-term federal disaster recovery and insurance costs while protecting critical infrastructure, fisheries, and outdoor resources that support local economies.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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