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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$200,000 for the Kellogg Dock Rail Yard Rehabilitation and Freight Capacity Improvements project in Red Bud, IL in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kaskaskia Regional Port District, located at 336 North Main St., Red Bud, IL 62278.

The proposed project would rehabilitate existing rail yard tracks at the Kellogg Dock facility in Randolph County to restore safe and reliable freight rail operations. Work will include removal of vegetation throughout the rail corridor to improve access, visibility, and drainage conditions within the yard. The project will also include replacement of deteriorated railroad ties using relay ties to restore track stability and load-bearing capacity. In addition, ballast work and track resurfacing will be performed to realign and stabilize the track structure, ensuring proper drainage and safe railcar movement.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. The improvements will restore reliable freight rail service supporting barge-to-rail transloading activities, enhance freight mobility, and reduce reliance on truck transportation on regional roadways. The project will help attract new industrial and agricultural shipping opportunities to the area, strengthen regional supply chains, and support economic development and job growth in rural Randolph County.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 of title 49 of the United States code.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress