

Congress of the United States

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Christiansted Harbor Study project in fiscal year 2024. The public entity project sponsor for this project is the Virgin Islands Port Authority, located at 8074 Lindbergh Bay, St. Thomas, VI 00802. The requested funding would be used by the Army Corps of Engineers. The project location is Christiansted Harbor, St. Croix, VI 00840. The requested funding would be used by the Army Corps of Engineers to continue and complete the post authorization change report required to be completed and submitted to Congress for the Army Corps to carry out the project for navigation – “Christiansted Harbor, United States Virgin Islands” – reauthorized under section 355 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (P.L. 116-260, Div. AA), pursuant to subsection (b) of such section 355. This request is to ensure that the work is continued to completion and the economic benefits of the completion of the project can be fulfilled.

Project is a sound use of taxpayer funds because the Christiansted Harbor Project will be a boon to the local economy, which is heavily dependent upon cruise ship tourism and maritime trade, by deepening the harbor and providing essential vessel access necessary to facilitate tourism and trade in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The improvements made possible by the Christiansted Harbor Project directly affect the economic and employment opportunities of the Virgin Islands by facilitating trade, tourism, and the maritime infrastructure necessary for the continued recovery of the territory following disastrous hurricanes of recent years.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 355 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (P.L. 116-260, Div. AA).

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

Sincerely,



Stacey E. Plaskett
Member of Congress