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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1026 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting fiscal year 2023 community project funding for the Charlotte Amalie (St. Thomas) Harbor Study project.

The public entity to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Port Authority, which is located at 8074 Lindbergh Bay, St. Thomas, VI 00802. The anticipated location of the project is St. Thomas harbor, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI 00802. This project is estimated to cost \$1,000,000.

The requested funding would be used to complete the post authorization change report required to be submitted to Congress for the Secretary to carry out the project for navigation – “Charlotte Amalie (St. Thomas) 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 will be utilized to review the permitting, NEPA and economic justification for the project for navigation at St. Thomas harbor and for the Secretary of the Army to submit to Congress the post-authorization change report required for resumption of the project.

This project is a sound use of taxpayer funding because the improvements made possible by the project for navigation at St. Thomas harbor directly affect the economic and employment opportunities of the Virgin Islands by facilitating trade, tourism, and the maritime infrastructure necessary for the continued rebuilding of the territory following disastrous hurricanes in recent years, the Covid-19 pandemic, and future readiness for climate-related shocks.

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

Sincerely,



Stacey E. Plaskett
Member of Congress