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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Baffin Bay Education, Safety and Ecotourism Boat Ramp and Fishing Pier project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kleberg County, located at 700 E. Kleberg Avenue, Kingsville, Texas 78363.

The funding would be used to construct a single lane boat ramp with breakwater improvements, upgrade existing fishing piers, improve the jetty, and repair and stabilize the parking lot at Baffin Bay. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will mitigate shoreline erosion and stabilize the pier, jetty, and parking lot to ensure ease of access for local law enforcement, academic and research institutions, and recreation and ecotourism in Kleberg County and the Coastal Bend Region.

This project has a Federal nexus as it is for the same purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Vicente Gonzalez
Member of Congress