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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2025 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I respectfully request funding for the Port of Port Orford Affordable Workforce Housing Project – Port Orford, Oregon, in the amount of \$1,500,000 within the Committee's Community Project Funding Effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Port of Port Orford, located PO Box 490, port Orford, OR 97465. The project is located at 650 5th Street, Port Orford, OR 97465.

The funding would be used to purchase the former Port Authority Property, which will be used to develop affordable workforce housing and related infrastructure using other funds. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the recent rapid emergence of real estate speculation by luxury vacation rental developers has caused workforce housing to become nearly nonexistent, and what is available is only accessible with significant cost burden, if it can be found at all. This project will address this need, enabling the local workforce to secure affordable housing essential to the success of the Port's Working Waterfront Revitalization efforts.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 7 U.S. Code section 2250.

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

Sincerely,

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Val T. Hoyle Member of Congress