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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Elizabeth River & Southern Branch Preliminary Engineering & Design in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would deepen the 40-foot channel on the Elizabeth River and Southern Branch to depths of 45 feet and 42 feet, and a portion of the 35-foot channel on the Southern Branch to a depth of 39 feet. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these deeper channel depths would allow vessels to fully load the various commodities that move in and out of the waterway. Deepening of these channels will result in more efficient terminal and vessel operations.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 201 of the Water Resources and Development Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-662).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bobby Scott".

Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
Member of Congress