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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
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 Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the “Imperial Beach Pier Enhancement” project in fiscal year 2024, in the amount of \$3,000,000. The entity to receive the funding is the Port of San Diego, located at 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101.

The City of Imperial Beach is the proud home of the classic Imperial Beach Pier. Constructed in the 1960s, Imperial Beach Pier is an iconic feature along the beach, drawing both residents and tourists to the community. The Imperial Beach Pier Enhancement project consists of design and construction of pier deck extensions, canopy installation and railing replacement at the beach zone of the pier. The purpose of this project is to extend the width of the pier deck by about 8 feet on each side, construct a canopy over the extended deck, and replace the wood railings with steel cable railing at the location of the deck expansion.

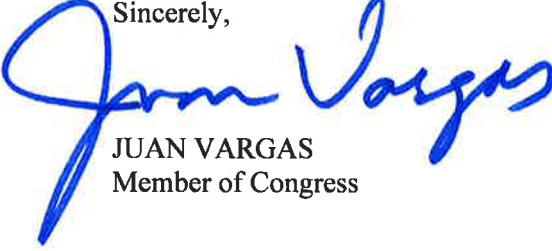
This project is a good use of taxpayer resources because the Imperial Beach Pier is a widely recognized landmark for the City of Imperial Beach and Port of San Diego, and a key part of the city’s downtown and economic vitality. The Port of San Diego and City of Imperial Beach are making a series of improvements to the iconic Imperial Beach Pier to activate and beautify it. The Pier is a well-loved feature at the heart of the City of Imperial beach, drawing both residents and tourists to the water and enriching the life of the city. A regional jewel and asset fundamental to the Port’s mission of public access and engagement on the waterfront, the Pier’s enhancements will bring decades of expanded social and economic value to Imperial Beach, the Port, the San Diego region, and Southern California communities. The goal of these enhancements is to encourage people to come explore and enjoy the Pier, experience its ocean and fresh air amenities, sights, and pleasures, and partake of the many services and offerings of the nearby oceanfront restaurants and businesses.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

This project has received written support from the City of Imperial Beach, the South County Economic Development Council, and the Imperial Beach Chamber of Commerce.

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 "Juan Vargas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

JUAN VARGAS
Member of Congress