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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Spud Point-Bodega Bay Ice-making Plant** project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Sonoma County**, located at 575 Administration Drive, Suite 104A, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

The funding would be used to replace the Spud Point - Bodega Bay ice-making plant with new, energy-efficient, climate friendly refrigeration equipment that is critical to the commercial and recreational fishing operations along the Northern California coast. The current equipment is over forty years old and requires costly maintenance every year to ensure this industry has a reliable source of ice to preserve their catch.

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

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because failure of this equipment will directly impact the local coastal commercial fishing economy stretching from North of Half Moon Bay up through Marin, Sonoma, and Mendocino counties. During the large commercial seasons of Dungeness crab and salmon, the ice plant supplies operations from the state of Washington to Southern California. Without this ice plant, fish buyers throughout Sonoma County and throughout Northern California would be unable to buy seafood products from the commercial fishing fleet because the ice is needed for transporting fresh fish after being offloaded at the Bodega Bay Marinas.

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

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress