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House Foreign Affairs Committee

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House Space, Science, and
Technology Committee

Subcommittee on Research and
Technology

May 20, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Port Wilmington Infrastructure Improvement and Revitalization Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Diamond State Port Corporation located at 820 N. French Street, 10th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801.

This project located within the boundaries of Port Wilmington, aimed at improving the safety and efficiency of cargo operations. This funding request supports the replacement of the dock's concrete surface, repair of damaged concrete piles, and installation of new bollards and tendering systems. These improvements will address immediate safety and structural concerns, preventing costlier emergency interventions in the future. By modernizing these essential components, the project will enhance the port's operational capacity, strengthen its competitiveness in the maritime industry, and increase its attractiveness to new commercial clients—yielding strong returns through increased trade and job growth. The project will ensure Port Wilmington continues serving as a vital engine for Delaware's economy

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses urgent infrastructure needs at a key economic hub, prevents costly future repairs, and boosts long-term trade, job growth, and regional economic resilience.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 46 USC 54301.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. McBride'.

Sarah McBride
Member of Congress