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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Project Oceanology's research vessel acquisition project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Interdistrict Committee for Project Oceanology, located at 1084 Shennecossett Road in Groton, Connecticut 06340.

The funding would be used to acquire a new research vessel capable of expanding the organization's education, research, and restoration capabilities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will expand coastal restoration, research, and education efforts within the Long Island Sound coastal zone.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is for the purposes authorized by 16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq, the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972. Specifically, it supports the habitat areas of the coastal zone, protection and management of coastal resources, comprehensive planning, conservation and management of living marine resources, and opportunity for public participation in and education about these efforts.

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

Sincerely,

JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress