

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 22, 2025

Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree,

I am requesting \$1,500,000 for a Feasibility Study for the Gulf Coast Intracoastal Waterway Channel to Palacios, TX.

The Port of Palacios needs to expand its current footprint to meet the future needs of the maritime industry. The first part of this expansion is to perform a study which would deepen and widen the Palacios Channel. The Palacios Channel is currently constrained at 14' deep and 125' wide, which limits us to the types of vessels it is able to get in and out of the Port. Deepening and widening the Palacios Channel would help the Port facilitate projects which provide regional economic growth as well as support the State of Texas and the United States.

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The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 46 USC 54301. I also certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Troy E. Nehls  
Member of Congress