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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-307 The Capitol  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee of Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the annual dredging of the San Joaquin River in the fiscal year 2022 Subcommittee on Energy and Water Appropriations Bill. The sponsor for this project is the Port of Stockton, located at 2201 W. Washington Street, Stockton, CA 95201.

San Joaquin River is the longest active shipping channel in the State. It is considered one of the busiest shipping channels, with a throughput of commerce which exceeds 15 million tons annually. Users include agriculture, other ports, military shipping terminals, refineries, and other heavy industries. Channel restrictions such as reduced depths, debris in the navigation channel, other delays would significantly impact freight movement.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars as funding is designated for annual maintenance dredging, which is necessary for the safe movement of deep-draft commercial vessels calling at the Port of Stockton, the largest inland port in the State of California. Funds will be used to maintain the channel at its authorized depth of 35-feet and clear of obstructions

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

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney  
Member of Congress