



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

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Santa Cruz Wharf Resilience and Rehabilitation Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Santa Cruz, located at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, California 95060. The project will be located at Santa Cruz Wharf.

This project will leverage \$9.6 million in local and state funding for urgent repairs and retrofits to accelerate the resilience and adaption strategies outlined in the Santa Cruz Wharf Master Plan. Anticipated repairs and retrofits are already fully permitted and need only final bid set plans to proceed to construction. In addition to immediate repairs and upgrades, the project will also advance plans for new multimodal public access, universally accessible boat landings, resilience widening, and new security gates to a grant-and-shovel-ready state for future construction. These investments will be among the greatest infusion of capital ever seen at the Wharf over its 110-year history and a significant first step toward sustaining the Wharf against climate change.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Santa Cruz Wharf is an integral part of the City of Santa Cruz's economy and culture. The Santa Cruz Wharf attracts over 2 million annual visitors and offers many recreational and commercial opportunities. Over the past two winters, aging Wharf infrastructure has sustained significant damage from increasingly intense storms and suffered two partial collapses at the end of the Wharf in 2023 and 2024. As a result, the site of a business which previously employed over 80 people and generated \$3 million in sales annually, will need to be demolished to retrofit the end of the Wharf.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Panetta'.

Jimmy Panetta  
Member of Congress