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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting community project funding for the Regional and Sustainable Illinois River Barging Operation in the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies legislation.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Henry, located at 514 Front Street, Henry, IL 61537.

The funding would be used to modify a transfer station at the Port of Henry to accept large loads of baled and plastic-wrapped municipal solid waste (MSW) coming from the Chicago Area. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this proposed project would provide a significantly safer and more cost-effective alternative to truck transportation and will provide access to additional and available landfills. Hauling distances for transporting waste to landfills have increased over time and resulted in added consumption of diesel fuel and increasing truck miles. The construction of the Regional & Sustainable Illinois River Barging Operation would further decrease transportation costs, reduce regional traffic congestion, and reduce erosion on roads and other infrastructure.

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

Sincerely,

Darin LaHood  
Member of Congress