

January 29, 2018

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Corpus Christi Ship Channel Improvement Project Funding – FY'19

Dear Mr. President:

It is with great anticipation that the Port of Corpus Christi Authority awaits your Fiscal Year 2019 budget and the funding levels for the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) responsible portion of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel Improvement Project. Once completed, this economically and strategically vital infrastructure project will undoubtedly position the United States as the most energy dominant player in the world.

In support of this project are U.S. energy companies who themselves are investing billions in infrastructure from the rich producing energy fields of Texas to Corpus Christi. As the gateway to the global markets, the Port of Corpus Christi must ensure the infrastructure it oversees, namely the Corpus Christi Ship Channel, is capable of handling safely and competitively the anticipated increased export volumes of crude oil, natural gas, and other petroleum products. At the center of this energy renaissance is the Corpus Christi Ship Channel Improvement Project.

Attached please find a letter from the CEO's of well-known American energy companies in support of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel Improvement Project, and a plea for funding the USACE sufficiently to move this project to fruition. With widespread bi-partisan support, we are confident you will find this project the most worthy of funding of all U.S coastal navigation construction projects in the Nation.

Sincerely,
PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI AUTHORITY



Sean C. Strawbridge
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Hon. Mike Pence, Vice President, United States of America
Hon. Rick Perry, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy