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The Honorable Mick Mulvaney
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th St, NW
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Dear Director Mulvaney:

I appreciate you taking the time to speak with me on October 17 regarding the economic recovery process in the wake of Hurricane Michael. As you begin the process to finalize the selection process for the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Work Plan, I once again ask that you strongly consider the merits of the dredging project in Panama City Harbor, Florida.

Once completed, this project will allow safer and more efficient movement of freight through the Bay Harbor Terminal by deepening the navigation channel from 32 feet to 36 feet. Now more than ever, this infrastructure investment is critical to ensuring that the Florida panhandle can get back on its feet as quickly as possible.

Since 2017, Port Panama City has been ready to expand with nearly \$50 Million from non-federal sponsors already spent on necessary improvements. This significant investment from the state and local community speaks to the immense potential the port will have to provide a much-needed economic boost to the region. Furthermore, the project boasts an impressive Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) and all necessary environmental permits have been issued. With a modest federal contribution of \$4.6 million, the dredging of the port can finally be completed. At this critical juncture, I cannot stress enough how much that this project moving forward means to the district that I represent.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to working with you to ensure the success of Port Panama City. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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