



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0917

April 5, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mote Marine shark repellent testing project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mote Marine Laboratory, located at 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236. The funding would be used to test electrical and magnetic repellents on up to 15 species of shark. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would promote shark conservation efforts, reduce conflict and losses to the American fishing industry from unintended shark bycatch in fishing gear, and to protect caught fish from being taken by sharks. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Gregory Steube".

W. Gregory Steube
Member of Congress