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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 2, 2024

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting $500,000 in funding for the Central & South Florida (C&SF) Flood Resiliency Comprehensive Study in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Corps of Engineers, located at 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207. The funding would be used to comprehensively restudy the Central & South Florida flood control project to improve the resilience of South Florida and assess the full extent of Florida's aging flood control system given the pressures of sea level rise, higher water table conditions and rainfall intensification.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the populations of Broward, MiamiDade, and Palm Beach depend on a functioning C&SF flood control system, which faces substantial stress due to changes in the physical environment, especially increased rainfall intensity and rising sea levels. Stormwater severely strains the system and sea level rise significantly threatens project operations.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, Public Law 117-263, Section 8214.

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

Sincerely,

Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress