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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Deployment of Hybrid Artificial Reefs to Protect Shorelines from Coastal Flooding** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Miami, located at 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway Miami, Florida 33149.

The funding would be used for to design, test, and deploy a hybrid artificial reef approach at two test-bed sites in Miami-Dade and Broward County, with the goal of assessing their role in helping protect the urbanized coast of Southeast Florida from the damaging effects of coastal flooding. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because rebuilding the lost abundance, diversity, and structure of coral reefs through science-based active propagation and restoration is critical to both the ecology and economy of Southeast Florida.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Wasserman Schultz". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Debbie Wasserman Schultz  
Member of Congress