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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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U. S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U. S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Fort Myers Beach Water Reclamation Facility Restoration & Capacity Enhancement in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lee County located at 7391 College Parkway, Fort Myers, FL, 33907.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate and enhance the FMB WRF, due to loss of treatment capacity, aging infrastructure and damages sustained during Hurricane Ian (Sept. 2022). The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it plant improvements to restore and enhance the treatment capacity to handle the projected future flow conditions through the year 2050, ensure long-term resiliency and efficient operation and performance, and meet Florida's requirements for advanced wastewater treatment (AWT) within a basin management action plan (BMAP) area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,



Byron Donalds  
Member of Congress

