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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
H-307, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Sequencing the Southwest Florida Shelf for fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), located at 10501 FGCU Blvd. S. Myers, FL, 33965. The funding would be used to identify the most harmful contributors to algal blooms and other toxins that result in the death of marine life. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because there is so much money dedicated to water quality, and this project would help identify where we need to be dedicating those funds to prevent toxins in water.

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,



Byron Donalds
Member of Congress

