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

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 the Fort Myers Beach Stormwater and Utilities Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Fort Myers Beach, located at 2731 Oak Street, Fort Myers, Florida, 33931.

The funding would be used for the outfall areas throughout the island to further protect and serve our community. The Town is actively working on stormwater projects and is prepared to continue with any funding as quickly as possible. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Fort Myers Beach, being a barrier island, was severely impacted by tidal surge and sediment, which critically affected the town's storm water system. With ongoing repair and maintenance island wide the need to upgrade as well as harden the existing system is vital.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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