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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman, House Committee on
Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, House Committee on
Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$25 million in funding for the St. Lucie Inlet - South Jetty project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer to construct improvements to the South Jetty of the St. Lucie Inlet in Martin County Florida.

This funding for the South Jetty, which serves to pin the inlet's south shoreline and prevent sediment from re-entering the inlet, has fallen into disrepair and would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety, protect fish migration routes between spawning grounds and the open ocean, flush waters discharged from Lake Okeechobee, and reduce frequency of maintenance resulting in long-term cost savings.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes was authorized by Section 201 of the Flood Control Act of 1965. Additionally, the jetty construction project was authorized by section 201 of 1974 River and Harbor Act (P.L. 93-251).

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

Sincerely,



Brian J. Mast
Member of Congress