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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515 Sec. 8215

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$10,000,000 in community project funding for the Martin County Board of Commissioner's Connect to Protect program in the FY26 Energy and Water Resources Development appropriations bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District at 701 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL, 32207. The funding will be used to eliminate septic systems in 29 communities and provide sewer connections as part of its 10-year Septic-to-Sewer Program. The goal is to connect 10,000 properties to the central sewer system which will reduce nutrients in the St. Lucie River Basin and improve water quality in the St. Lucie Estuary and Indian River Lagoon that lead to harmful algal blooms.

The project has a Federal Nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized by Section 8375 of WRDA 2022 (P.L. 117-347).

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

Sincerely,



Brian Mast
Member of Congress