

May 23, 2025

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 \$1,000,000 in community project funding for the Northern Estuaries Restoration Plan (NERP) 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 determine what infrastructure would be needed to restore and protect the northern estuaries of the greater Everglades ecosystem: the Caloosahatchee River Estuary, Charlotte Harbor, the St. Lucie River Estuary, the Indian River Lagoon, and the Lake Worth Lagoon.

The project has a Federal Nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized by Section 8215 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (P.L. 117-263).

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