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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0918**

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the construction of a new bridge, roadway design, and sidewalk on SE Island Way West Bridge in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Martin County Board of County Commissioners, located at 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996. The funding would be used for providing safe, ADA compliant access for pedestrians, bicyclists and non-drivers who use this facility daily. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is a direct reinvestment into the community, providing for safer roadways and waterways and offering a faster response time for emergency services. It will also protect the federally designated Wild and Scenic Loxahatchee River – whose importance has been identified by the federal government, the state of Florida and our community as a highly valued resource for fisheries, tourism, endangered species protection, and recreation.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized under 23 USC 133(b).

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