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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 renovation of the historic Coast Guard buildings and historic Kennedy Military Presidential bunker for Palm Beach County, Florida in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation, located at 2700 6th Avenue South Lake Worth, FL 33461. The funding would be used for the restoration of the Coast Guard facility, the Coast Guard Boathouse, the Presidential Bunker, and the grounds and walkways leading to the Bunker that will allow visitors to experience what it would have been like to have been in the middle of one of the worst crisis in modern history. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will revitalize Peanut Island's legacy of ecotourism by renovating these historic facilities to create an interactive educational and ecotourism experience for area school children, veterans, and visitors alike. The now vacant Coast Guard Station located on Peanut Island in Riviera Beach, FL is historically significant for its role in coastal defense and rescue activities during the early months of World War II, for its involvement in the events of the Cuban Missile Crisis and as the location of the John F. Kennedy Military Presidential bunker.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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