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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 \$1.04 million in funding to initiate the Planning Engineering and Design (PED) for the Fort Pierce, FL Section 203/403 shore protection project in St. Lucie County, Florida in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The funding would be used for the USACE to initiate Planning Engineering and Design (PED) for the Fort Pierce, FL Section 203/403 shore protection project. This funding, which will be matched with \$560,000 in non-federal resources, will lead to the addition of coastal structures (t-groins) is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide future cost savings and double the period of needed nourishment of the Fort Pierce Project from 2 to 4 years.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under Section 203 of WRDA 1986 (Public Law (P.L.) 99-662) and submitted to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (OASACW) in 2017.

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