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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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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 \$5 million in funding for the Section 219 Environmental Infrastructure Projects in Martin, St. Lucie, and Palm Beach Counties for 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 completing water and wastewater infrastructure, including stormwater management, to improve water quality in the St. Lucie River, Indian River Lagoon, and Lake Worth Lagoon.

These are waters of critical national concern for fisheries, endangered species, recreation, economic development, and quality of life and is an appropriate use of taxpayers funding because the eligible communities have also contributed significant resources to address water quality issues and have placed the highest priority on restoring these invaluable water bodies.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes was authorized through Sec. 8375 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022 was signed into law as Division H, Title LXXXI of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

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