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Congress of the United States
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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 Appropriation
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,250,000 in funding for the Florida Inland Navigation District in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District located at 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207. The funding would be used to maintain the North Reaches in the Intercoastal Waterway. There is approximately 350,000 cubic yards of sediment in the Inland Waterway Channel that is hindering navigation and degrading water quality. Maintenance dredging will return the federal channel to its authorized depth of 12-foot depth. This project will have the added benefit of water quality improvements to the Indian River Lagoon by removing fine sediments that accumulate in the channel.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (333 U.S. Code § 403).

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