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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 \$725 million in funding for the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Program work to restore the Greater Everglades ecosystem 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 undertake projects in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, which is at a critical funding juncture in order to complete projects in a timely manner. This is an important use of taxpayer funding because projects such as the Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir are key to ensuring the Everglades receive the water it desperately needs and Floridians have access to clean drinking water.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 601 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-541).

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