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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the FIU South Dade Aerospace Zone Project in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Florida International University located at 11200 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33199.

The funding would be used to support planning and development of the South Dade Aerospace Zone, an economic development project essential for revitalizing an underinvested area by creating sustainable, high-wage jobs, and aerospace developments and services, including RF/antenna systems and advanced electronics packaging, integration, and test, mutually beneficial for civilian and national security uses. It is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide an economic boom to the region and grow capabilities compatible with existing national security missions in the area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Congressman Carlos A. Gimenez  
Florida's 28th Congressional District