

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0926

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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 Critical Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Florida Keys Project.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, located at 1100 Kennedy Drive Key West, Florida 33040.

The funding would be used to address critical infrastructure needs through the installation of a 6-mile phase of a redundant transmission pipeline. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because a reliable potable water supply is essential to the healthy, safety, and well-being of the community. Access to clean water directly impacts public health and supports a stable local economy. Disruptions to the water supply could lead to substantial losses in tax revenue, local business closures, and job loss. Ensuring a stable water supply provides investments in the region's economic vitality and public health.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq. 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