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

The Honorable Rosa L. 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 UM Multi-Frequency Satellite Data Reception Antenna and Technological Upgrades Project in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Miami Center for Southeastern Tropical Advanced Remote Sensing (CSTARS), located at 11811 SW 168 Street, Miami, FL 33177.

The funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because strengthening the DoD and local municipalities to access geospatial information from advanced satellite sensor modalities directly supports national security by ensuring the warfighter are provided with latest situational awareness in combat and austere environments. Simultaneously, enhancing the geospatial information of civilian first responders improve domestic resilience and disaster response capacity. Federal investment in advanced satellite technology reduces vulnerability to assets, supports interoperability between military and civilian systems responding to natural disasters and high-risk events, and ensures responsible deployment of resources to support the affected community. This dual-use benefits supporting both defense readiness and community emergency preparedness – reflects a prudent and mission-aligned use of taxpayer resources.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



Congressman Carlos A. Gimenez