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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  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Homestead Well #7 Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is The City of Homestead located at 100 Civic Court, Homestead, Florida 33030.

The funding would be used to provide an additional 2.8 MGD of groundwater capacity, improving system reliability, fire protection, and reducing reliance on external water supply. It is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the project will enhance system redundancy and operational flexibility by reducing reliance on external water sources and ensuring the City can meet peak demand, emergency needs, and maintenance-related outages without service interruptions. It will also improve fire protection and public safety by providing adequate pressure and fire flow throughout the service area, particularly in eastern zones currently constrained by non-looped supply mains. By removing infrastructure barriers, Well #7 will support commercial and residential development along key corridors while reducing dependency on water purchased from the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, improving hydraulic performance and local control. Upon completion, the City expects activation of its full permitted groundwater capacity, increased system capacity by 2.800 MGD, improved pressure and fire flow compliance, enhanced emergency response capability, reduced reliance on external supply, and expanded infrastructure support for growth.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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