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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 Homestead Wittkop Park Million Gallon Water Tank Project 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.

This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the Wittkop Park 1.0 million-gallon storage tank and booster pump project aims to strengthen the reliability, capacity, and resilience of the City of Homestead water system, ensuring safe and uninterrupted service for residents, businesses, and emergency services. By constructing a new 1.0 MG ground-level storage tank, the project will increase total storage capacity from 2.0 MG to 3.0 MG, providing sufficient supply to meet current and projected demand. The installation of booster pumps will stabilize system pressures, ensuring consistent water delivery even during peak demand, maintenance, or emergency events. The project will enhance fire protection by providing adequate pressure and flow to meet regulatory standards, supporting emergency response capabilities and safeguarding life and property. In addition, expanded storage and pumping capacity will support economic development by removing infrastructure constraints that could limit residential and commercial 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