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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 CasaCuba Business Incubator Project in Fiscal Year 2026.

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

The funding would be used to construct a permanent state of the art space to serve as the anchor for the business and academic interests of FIU's CasaCuba. It will provide an environment where academic research, business incubation, and community engagement intersect. It is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide for a landmark facility in South Florida, showcasing the economic contributions of the South Florida community while fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

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