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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 Pump Station 11 Upgrades Project in Fiscal Year 2026.

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 upgrade existing Pump Station 11, and its associated discharge force main, in order to improve station operating hours and reliability. As part of the upgrades, it is recommended that two (2) new 34-horsepower pumping units be installed, and a new 6,725 linear foot 12-inch discharge force main be constructed. The proposed 34-horsepower pumps will increase the station capacity such that the 1,335 gallons per minute (gpm) peak flow received at the wet well can adequately accommodate current and future flows. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds as these upgrades are needed in order to provide greater reliability system redundancy, and the ability to handle future flow conditions within the wastewater system. This project will mitigate health and safety risks to the public. It would provide the pump station with protection against the impacts of severe weather or natural disasters such as flooding.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 42 USC 5305(a)(1), (2) and (4).

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