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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Goulds Canal Pollution Prevention Project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Miami Dade County, located at 701 NW 1st Court, Miami, Florida 33136.

The funding would be used to prevent pollution from Goulds canal to L-31E canal and the area of the CERP Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands' S-705 pump station by backfilling a section of Goulds canal from L-31E Canal to the eastern end of Goulds canal. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because several water body segments in Biscayne Bay have recently been designated as "impaired" by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This project provides an efficient and cost-effective way to reduce nutrient inputs into Biscayne National Park by providing hydrologic improvements to conveyance systems like canals that convey degraded water to Biscayne Bay. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

