

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0926

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Michael K. Simpson
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priority:

1. Provide a funding level of \$5,000,000 for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Construction account as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the Jacksonville District office for the Florida Keys Water Quality project located at 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the funding would assist in the completion of the large scale USACE Environmental Infrastructure project which is intended to protect and improve the nearshore waters of the National Marine Sanctuary and ensure the environmental and economic vitality of the Florida Keys. The Florida Keys Water Quality projects have and will continue to provide for the new permanent jobs in communities from Key Largo to Marathon to Key West. In addition to these important benefits, the communities of the Florida Keys are sustained by the tourism industry which is dependent in large part on healthy marine environment. Funding for this project will continue to support the \$1.3 billion per year tourism industry and the 21,000 dependent jobs in the State of Florida.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Carlos A. Gimenez
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

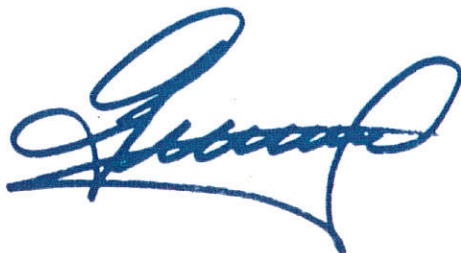
I am requesting funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Construction account in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Jacksonville District office for the Florida Keys Water Quality project, located at 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207.

The funding would be used toward the completion of the large scale USACE Environmental Infrastructure project which is intended to protect and improve the nearshore waters of the National Marine Sanctuary and ensure the environmental and economic vitality of the Florida Keys. The Florida Keys Water Quality projects have and will continue to provide for the new permanent jobs in communities from Key largo to Marathon to Key West. In addition to these important benefits, the communities of the Florida Keys are sustained by the tourism industry which is dependent in large part on healthy marine environment. Funding for this project will continue to support the \$1.3 billion per year tourism industry and the 21,000 dependent jobs in the State of Florida.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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