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The Honorable John Carter
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Carter and Ranking Member Wasserman Schultz:

I write to respectfully request that you consider the following priorities of mine as you draft the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations bill for fiscal year 2026.

1. Provide a funding level of \$90,000,000 for the Joint Interagency Task Force – South Command and Control Facility as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is U.S. Southern Command located at 9301 NW 33rd St, Doral, FL, 33172. The funding would be used to construct a five-story Command and Control facility for JIATF-S located at Truman Annex, Naval Air Station Key West, FL. This project encompasses an operations area that includes special use space for a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF), Operations Center (OC), and Network Operations Center (NOC), and an administrative area divided into specified security zones. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because JIATF-S is strategically located to easily team up with interagency and foreign partners to accomplish the nationally directed counter narcotics fight.

I urge you to support the funding levels for this project. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Congressman Carlos A. Gimenez
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