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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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The Honorable Rosa L. 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 Miami Lakes 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Drainage Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Town of Miami Lakes, located at 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014.

The funding would be used to eliminate flooding and improve water quality along 82nd Avenue and in several flood-prone neighborhoods on the northwest side of Miami Lakes. The proposed drainage system rehabilitation and improvement plan will expand the capacity of the existing system by installing more than 5,000 linear feet of HDPE storm pipe with increased diameter. Additional components—including an exfiltration trench, pollution-retardant baffle boxes, inlets, catch basins, and new maintenance holes—will further enhance water quality entering the lake and groundwater.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds, as it will protect public health by eliminating standing water along roadways, safeguarding a critical emergency evacuation route, preserving access to SR 826, and reducing conditions that promote mosquito breeding and other disease-carrying insects.

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,



Mario Diaz-Balart  
Member of Congress