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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Big Cypress drainage improvement project in the Town of Miami Lakes in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Miami Lakes, located at 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014. The funding would be used to reconstruct the drainage system which will safeguard 83 residential homes from flooding. Furthermore, this project will improve public safety by eliminating standing water along the roadways which are used for emergency evacuation routes.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as this area experiences frequent flooding. Miami Lakeway South is the only roadway that leads residents to the evacuation route. Flooding along this roadway would compromise the emergency evacuation and response times. The funds will be used to construct a drainage system that would double the capacity of the existing system, which will help prevent flooding.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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