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

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 improvements of the Southeast Hialeah Stormwater project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hialeah, 501 Palm Ave, Hialeah, Florida 33010. The funding would be used for infrastructure improvements along SE 6<sup>th</sup> and 8 Ave / SE 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The proposed improvements consist of storm water mitigation through the installation of curbs and gutters, as well as the reconstruction of roadways. Additionally, the project includes the installation of sidewalks and energy efficient LED street lighting.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the area is notorious for flooding during the rainy season due to dated infrastructure, which has not been rehabilitated in decades. Furthermore, this project offers a two-fold benefit for the community, such as flood mitigation and public safety improvement.

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