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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman 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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Everglades City Pump Stations Rehabilitation project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the city of Everglades City located at 102 Copeland Avenue North, Everglades City, Florida 34139. The funding would be used for the rehabilitation of pump stations that are in very poor conditions.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the improvements and repairs are needed to avoid sewer overflows and significantly reduce the risk of environmental and ecological damage to the surrounding areas.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely

Mario Diaz-Balar

Member of Congress