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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Florida International University's Windstorm Research Instrumentation & testing Enhancement Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Florida International University, located at 11200 SW 8th Street, Miami FL 33199.

The funding would be used for expansion of the Wall of Wind project for testing of Category 5 hurricane-force storms, which provides the entire community and country with targeted research on how to build environment windstorm resilience infrastructure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this research is critical to testing for resilient cost-effective techniques and infrastructure as we make our community safer during Category 5 Hurricanes, given South Florida frequency of hurricanes and tropical storms.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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