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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Seagrass Mitigation Bank project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding is the City of St. Petersburg located at 175 5<sup>th</sup> Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. The funding would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it would be used to fill a dredge hole in North Shore Park with several resulting ecological and economic benefits, including a higher level of water filtration, sediment stabilization, photosynthesis, and restoration of lost seagrass.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.)

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Castor".

Kathy Castor  
United States Representative  
Florida – District 14