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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 University of South Florida St. Petersburg Campus located at 140 7th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. The funding would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it would be used for equipment upgrades for oceanographic research vessels and facilities, enhancing scientific capacity to protect ocean resources and address critical coastal issues.

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