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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the South Palm drainage project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used to help make improvements to the stormwater infrastructure at the South Palm drainage site. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this site is in the north-eastern part of Glynn County and allows to drain stormwater from heavily populated areas that are east of the Altama Avenue. Unfortunately, due to inadequate and undersized pipes, flooding is a constant issue for these communities. Even more concerning so during heavy rainfall events causing the drainage system to back water as far west as the Spur 25 at Altama Connector. The lack of adequate stormwater infrastructure has caused severe flooding in the surrounding neighborhoods and unsafe conditions for Glynn County residents. It is important to note that Glynn County is a coastal community located on Georgia's southeastern coast. This community has been affected by 17 hurricane related events in the last 24 years, most recently by Hurricanes Idalia in 2023 and Helene in 2024. Hurricane Matthew, hit this area as a Category 3 storm bringing in approximately 11" of rain, while Hurricane Irma, a category 2 storm, affected this community with widespread flooding with a total rainfall of 9.6 inches. Rainfall from Hurricane Idalia is estimated at approximately 5-6" with final data to be provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Hurricane Helene with approximately 4-3".

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 219 of Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-580).

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

Sincerely,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter  
Member of Congress

