

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0904**

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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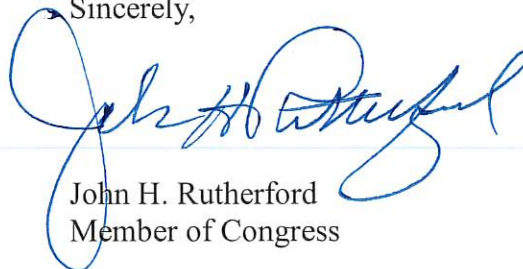
Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for St. Johns County Hazard Mitigation Infrastructure Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners located at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084. The funding would be used to modernize and restore the dilapidated Guana Flood Control Mitigation System.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide long-term flood control to an area with 10,000 residents and 3,000 residential and commercial properties. This will help make the area more resilient and decrease flooding and damage following hurricanes and other flooding events, ultimately decreasing the number of National Flood Insurance Program claims.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



John H. Rutherford  
Member of Congress