

Congress of the United States  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0905

March 20, 2026

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  
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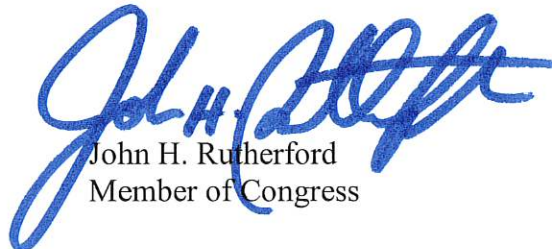
Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for St. Augustine Beach Mizell Stormwater Management Facility Outfall Resiliency Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of St. Augustine Beach located at 2200 SR A1A S, St. Augustine, FL 32080. The funding would be used to construct 625 feet of retaining wall along the westernmost outfall segment. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help reduce the amount of sediment deposited into the Intracoastal Waterway, a Class II surface water, and help meet the stringent Intracoastal Waterway water quality criteria.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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