

U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

May 2, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Key Biscayne K-8 Community School Stormwater System Upgrade in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Key Biscayne, located at 88 West McIntyre St., Key Biscayne, FL 33149.

The funding would be used to install a new pump-based stormwater system to address the increasing flooding around the village K-8 Community School. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current stormwater system is an inadequate, gravity system that is overwhelmed by more frequent and more severe rain events, exacerbated by rising seas and ground water. The new system will consist of reconfigured roadways and swales to improve water conveyance, inlets and catch basins, main pipelines, pump stations, force mains, and outfalls to reduce flooding, enhance road safety and access, and improve water discharge quality.

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,

Maria Elvifa Salazar Member of Congress

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