



U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

April 30, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Key Biscayne Hybrid Reef Shoreline Stabilization Study in fiscal year 2025. 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 complete a detailed assessment of the feasibility of using hybrid reefs as underwater structures to combat erosion on the Key Biscayne oceanside shoreline. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this analysis represents the critical first step in implementing a more sustainable and cost-effective solution to beach erosion. Without the potential to reduce erosion rates, the Village will need to continue performing frequent beach renourishments, which are costly and carry their own environmental impacts.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Salazar', written over the printed name.

Maria Elvira Salazar  
Member of Congress