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

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Feeding the Future: Strengthening U.S. Marine Aquaculture Seedstock, Coastal Restoration, and Workforce Development for Healthy and Resilient Coastal Communities in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science located at 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway, Miami, FL 33149.

The funding would be used to invest in state-of-the-art equipment and systems to expand seedstock production for high-value marine finfish species. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide training, education, and outreach opportunities, as well as bolster U.S. food security by facilitating the expansion of domestic seafood production in the region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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 that reads "M. Salazar".

Maria Salazar
Member of Congress