Congresswoman María E. Salazar 27th District of Florida



Committee on Foreign Affairs Committee on Small Business

## 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 Expanding and Studying the SEAHIVE Comb– Protecting Coastal Communities through Improving Sustainable Manufacturing, Placement, and Assessment in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Miami, located at 1251 Memorial Dr. Coral Gables, FL 33146.

The funding would be used for expanding the use of the SEAHIVE Comb technology as a largescale proof-of-concept through three pilots with local communities; these pilots will allow investigation into new forms and applications for marine and estuarine protection. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this work can provide an impact against weather hazards while promoting sustainable economic development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely, Iaria Elvi

Member of Congress