



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

April 25, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the University of Miami Marine Aquaculture Pilot-Scale Grow-out Module in the amount of \$900,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Miami located at 1320 S. Dixie Hwy, Coral Gables, FL 33146.

This funding would go towards the expansion of the University's experimental saltwater fish hatchery. The project will provide much-needed workforce training opportunities in the sustainable production of marine fish species for the seafood industry while also stimulating further investment and job opportunities in the burgeoning field of marine aquaculture in the region. The project will be a state-of-the-art showpiece in the region that will facilitate further growth of sustainable marine aquaculture throughout south Florida and the southeast region of the U.S. As such, I believe that this is an appropriate use of tax dollars.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Elvira Salazar', with a stylized, flowing script.

Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar