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April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for Surveillance of Pollution from Emerging Chemical Threats in Tampa Bay in Fiscal Year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of South Florida's College of Marine Science, which is located at 4140 7th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

The funding would be used to monitor and determine the origin of emerging chemical threats to Tampa Bay, including detecting compounds linked to the Piney Point pollution release in 2021. The results of this study will identify potential sources of emerging chemicals, as well as help assess whether fish consumption advisories should be considered for fish contaminated with the various carcinogenic substances that are the object of the study. This will result in an improved understanding of the sources of such chemicals and what can be done to minimize their entrance into the Bay.

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

Sincerely,



Charlie Crist
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN