April 27, 2021

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 the following community project in Fiscal Year 2022: Infrastructure to Address Flooding Risks due to Climate Change at the Community Level.

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

The funding would be used by the College of Marine Science to design and deploy observing systems to identify flooding parameters during flood events at the neighborhood and/or parcel level. Once the observing infrastructure is in place, and data has been collected, USF will then develop and calibrate models and work with local municipalities to use these observations and tools to make planning decisions and manage flood risk. This will improve flooding prediction and mitigation, thereby reducing future flood damage and saving the taxpayers money in post-disaster costs.

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

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN