



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

April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Biscayne Bay Water Pump in fiscal year 2022 for the amount of \$1,600,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, located at 3071 SW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33146.

The scope of this project is to provide a wastewater pump station in an area that is not currently served by the sanitary sewer system. This pump station will provide the critical backbone to support the conversion of parcels served by septic systems to the sanitary sewer system to reduce the risk of nutrients being transported to the groundwater aquifer (Biscayne Aquifer) and to canals and ultimately Biscayne Bay. Other benefits include reducing the risk of failing septic systems that impact properties from sewage backups into homes and potential exposure of residents to flood waters that may be contaminated with sewage from incomplete treatment processes due to high groundwater levels.

I believe this is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars, as it will protect the residents of Biscayne Bay and provide safe and reliable sewer service that will perform better in a coastal community subject to the impacts of rising groundwater.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Elvira Salazar".

Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar