



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

April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for Mount Sinai Medical Center Infrastructure Resiliency Project Enhancements in fiscal year 2022 for the amount of \$5,000,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Mount Sinai Medical Center located at 4300 Alton Road, Miami Beach, Florida 33140.

This project would allow the Mount Sinai Medical Center to be able to fulfill its mission to provide healthcare and emergency services in the aftermath of severe weather events by funding its facilities and systems to be able to withstand the full force of strong hurricanes. Mount Sinai has developed a Resiliency Master Plan comprised of individual elements that will protect campus facilities and mitigate any damage from storm surge, seawater intrusion, windstorm damage, and flooding. The funds allocated for this project will go towards resiliency improvements that the center needs to continue to serve its 10,000,000+ annual visitors.

As such, I believe this is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it will harden the facilities of the sole hospital on a barrier island, protecting the lives of patients, hospital staff, and local residents in times of severe weather emergencies.

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', written in a cursive style.

Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar