

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Indian River Lagoon Quick Connect Sewer Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Brevard County, located at 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building A, Viera, FL 32940.

The requested funds will be used to improve water quality in the Indian River Lagoon by reducing the amount of nitrogen pollution from household wastewater that enters groundwater through septic drain fields. Eliminating this source of nutrient pollution helps reduce and prevent algal bloom events which reduce water clarity, decrease dissolved oxygen, and contribute to seagrass loss and fish kills. Reducing wastewater pollution from septic tanks is an important component of ongoing efforts to improve water quality and restore a healthy Indian River Lagoon. Plumbing contractors will decommission at least 300 private septic systems and connect those properties to sanitary sewer.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will eliminate wastewater pollution from at least 300 properties' septic tanks and prevent an estimated 2,250 pounds of total nitrogen from reaching the Indian River Lagoon.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mike Haridopolos
Member of Congress