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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 Wastewater Utility Line Upgrade at Cape Canaveral Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Space Florida, located at 505 Odyssey Way, Ste. 300, Merritt Island, FL 32953.

The requested funding for the project will provide for the construction of a new wastewater force main, approximately two miles long to support the community and space launch operations at Cape Canaveral Spaceport. The proposed project will provide a necessary portion of upgrades to wastewater treatment facilities infrastructure. This would enable Cape Canaveral Spaceport to continue space launch operations through Space Florida facilities by increasing wastewater flows. The absence of this wastewater treatment upgrade would result in the spaceport not being able to accommodate the increasing launch cadence and could potentially jeopardize the national security space launch operations of the United States and halt growth of industry.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance national security, expand access to clean water for the local Brevard County community, and benefit the overall economy through the growth of additional space-based capabilities. It has a direct benefit to the nation due to the installation's use of this project's wastewater treatment infrastructure in support of national security space launch operations.

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,

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