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**Congress of the United States**  
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March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Longboat Key Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Longboat Key, located 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, FL 34228. The funding would be used for required maintenance dredging of residential canals and to restore several acres of seagrass habitat. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it leverages canal maintenance that is required and approved by the Army Corps of Engineers, with long-term environmental benefits. 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,

W. Gregory Steube  
Member of Congress

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