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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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March 26, 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 City of Venice Flamingo Ditch Flooding Mitigation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Venice, located at 401 W. Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285. The funding would be used to implement several drainage improvements to the existing stormwater system in one of the area's most flood-prone zones. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would replace and modernize a failing drainage system, thus mitigating the potential for future property destruction and increasing safety and access for emergency services during potential extreme weather events. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. §5305(a)(1). 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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