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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-307, The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Volusia County Shore Protection Feasibility Study** project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** (USACE). The funding would be used for restoring 17 miles of coastline that has been devastated by hurricanes and erosion. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it was originally approved by Congress in 2001 and reaffirmed in the in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024, where Congress required USACE to expedite funding for this project.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 110 of the River and Harbor Act of 1962 Act (Public Law 87-874).

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

Honorably,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cory Mills".

Cory Mills
Member of Congress