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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Catfish Canal Public Waterway Channel Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the South Carolina Office of Resilience, located at 632 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The funding would be used to return previously converted wetlands and streams to their original functions, using natural channel design principles to restore the local floodplain and reduce flooding of nearby residential and commercial structures.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address a major source of flooding for the City of Marion, which is locally identified in the county-wide stormwater master plan as a necessary, priority project. Multiple residential structures would benefit from the flood reduction. It would also result in significant reductions in surface and riverine flooding and improve water quality for an overall positive environmental impact for the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Community Development Fund (CDF), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Russell Fry
Member of Congress