



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 30, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lake Toho, Shingle Cree, and Kissimmee River Flood Risk Management project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, located at 701 San Marco Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32207. The funding would be used to fund the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers feasibility study for ecosystem restoration for the Shingle Creek and Kissimmee River. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve flood risk management and provide ecosystem restoration in Shingle Creek and Lake Toho within the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes by improving the hydrologic connection throughout the system.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 201(a)(5) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (Division AA of Public Law 116-220), and modified to include flood risk management and reauthorized in 8201(b)(2) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (Division H, Title LXXXI of Public Law 117-263).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darren Soto".

Darren Soto
Member of Congress