



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

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Shingle Creek, Lake Tohopekaliga, and Kissimmee River Feasibility Study project in fiscal year 2027. 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