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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 \$5 million for Space Florida, an agency of the State of Florida, to construct a wastewater conveyance from the Canaveral Space Port to a Brevard County, Florida, publicly owned treatment plant. Acting through Space Florida, the State can meet its cost-sharing requirements.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Space Florida, located at 505 Odyssey Way, Exploration Park, FL 32953.

Supported by Space Florida, the Canaveral Space Port is home to entities that partner in furtherance of the U.S. space program and our rapidly expanding private space sector. Space Port wastewater has historically been conveyed to the U.S. Space Force wastewater treatment facility at the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. Space Florida must now find an alternative treatment facility because the Space Force facility has constrained capacity to serve the Space Port. This impediment threatens the economic growth of the aerospace industry in Florida and the creation of jobs to support the sector, as well as the ability of the United States to effectively compete against Chinese and Russian interests for continued leadership in space.

The North Brevard Economic Development Zone supports the Space Florida project and writes: "The Zone further understands that the redirection of the wastewater discharge line from the Space Force's treatment facility to a Brevard County treatment plant would represent a step toward making the area more resilient, and advance plans to eventually move the existing wastewater treatment system from a barrier island to the Florida mainland.

The Zone anticipates that the benefits of this investment will mitigate an immediate, adverse impact on the existing space launch program in the region, state, and nation, and pay dividends well into the future

for the environmental health of the Indian River Lagoon and the economic vitality of the world's premier space launch site at Cape Canaveral, a national asset."

The Indian River Lagoon has been recognized as the most biodiverse estuary in North America and is a designated National Estuary.

The project is an appropriate use of Federal funds because it will support our vital space industry, create jobs, improve livelihoods and help protect an important estuary from harmful algal blooms that damage the environment, and make the community more resilient.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq. and funding from the state clean water revolving fund.

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 "Bill Posey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bill Posey  
Member of Congress