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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lake Seminole Project in the fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used for removing invasive aquatic vegetation including hydrilla; repopulating grass carp for continued control; and reestablishing fisheries. Hydrilla is a fast-growing invasive species that outcompetes native plants and wildlife, disrupting ecosystems and local economies. In addition, it impacts water flow, clogs pipes, and hinders recreational activities.

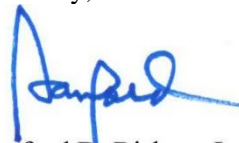
The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investing in controlling invasive species helps protect native ecosystems, support local economies dependent on the waterways, and ensure the continued enjoyment of recreational activities by the public.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 2 of the River and Harbor Act of 1945 and Section 832 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986.

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

With warmest personal regards, I remain yours.

Sincerely,



Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.  
Member of Congress