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The Honorable Tom Cole,  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations,  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations,  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lake Seminole Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, located at 100 Canal St, Mobile, Al 36602. The funding would be used for the mechanical removal of Cuban bulrush, giant cut grass, and other aquatic invasives from approximately 200 acres, along with herbicide application covering around 600 acres of aquatic invasive vegetation. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the spread of invasives like Cuban bulrush, accelerated by Hurricane Michael, poses a significant threat to thousands of acres and risks eutrophication and water quality loss, impacting fisheries and wildlife. Proactive investment in controlling invasive species not only helps protect native ecosystems but also supports local economies reliant on waterways and ensures continued public enjoyment of recreational activities.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sanford D. Bishop, Jr." The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.  
Member of Congress