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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

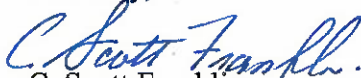
I am requesting funding for Highlands County's Watershed Culvert Improvement Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Highlands County, located at 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870.

The funding would be used to replace the most high-risk culvert structures deemed most corroded and ensure structures can maintain adequate water levels for use by stakeholders. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because completion of the project will reduce nutrient rich runoff from entering the C-41 Canal and eventually Lake Okeechobee.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C et seq.

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

Sincerely,


C. Scott Franklin
Member of Congress