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March 7, 2021

Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-21)
2500 N. Military Trail Suite 490
Boca Raton, FL 33431



Re: Funding for the USACE to Conduct the C&SF Flood Resiliency Study with subsequent immediate Work Plan

Dear Congresswoman Frankel:

The Alliance of Delray strongly supports our Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners' Resolution which it passed on February 25, 2021. The resolution urges the United States Congress to provide appropriate sufficient funding for the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to conduct the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Flood Project Flood Risk Management Infrastructure Resiliency Plan Study including funding for an immediate Work Plan for the Army Civil Works program to follow.

The residents of Palm Beach County rely on the C&SF system to protect properties from flooding and to protect public water supply from depletion and saltwater intrusion. In the nearly 70 years from the commencement of the C&SF Project, new challenges have surfaced including an enormous increase in development and population. Climate changes and sea Level Rise are adding to the immediate need for flood protection in Palm Beach County.

The Alliance understands that the Federal Government's resources are currently addressing immediate concerns such as the COVID-19 pandemic, however if this environmental issue is not swiftly addressed, the resiliency and sustainability of Palm Beach County is at risk. Please assist in making this a high priority issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lori Vinikoor

Dr. Lori Vinikoor, Executive Vice President

Bob Schulbaum

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