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May 8th, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Caulerpa Prolifera Invasive Species Eradication and Control Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the San Diego Unified Port District, located at 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA. The funding would be used to address the invasive growth of Caulerpa Prolifera in San Diego Bay, which forms dense blankets, displacing native vegetation and disrupting marine ecosystems. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will preserve vital marine ecosystems from an invasive species, promote marine habitat and biodiversity, and ensure cost savings by preventing long-term economic loss that Caulerpa Prolifera may impose on activities in impacted areas.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

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, appearing to read "Scott Peters".

Member of Congress