



**SARASOTA COUNTY**  
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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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The Honorable Tom Rooney  
2169 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rooney:

On behalf of the Sarasota County Commission, we commend your efforts to lift the moratorium on congressionally-directed authorization and spending, or "earmarks," for water and coastal infrastructure projects.

Sarasota County is known for its beautiful and healthy beaches. Water quality is also impacted by Corps activities in Central Florida and our economy benefits from port activities in the region.

We appreciate your efforts to ensure that our elected representatives have the opportunity to effectively advocate for our local needs, both through the Congressional authorization and appropriations processes. In Sarasota County we experience the real consequences of the federal government's delays and funding shortfalls and it's essential that our Representatives have an opportunity to successfully intervene on our behalf.

Thank you for your support for our community and local economy. Please feel free to contact the County if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Paul Caragiulo  
Chair

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