MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	November 17, 2026
FROM:	Geri Bonzon-Keenan County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution approving the 2027 Federal Legislative Package, including urging resolutions adopted by the Board, guiding principles, and departmental legislative requests; waiving provisions of Resolution Nos. R-764-13 and R-1267-18

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Anthony Rodriguez.

For
Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

_____	**"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**
_____	**6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
_____	**4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
_____	**Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
_____	**Budget required**
_____	**Statement of fiscal impact required**
_____	**Statement of social equity required**
_____	**Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing**
✓	
_____	**No committee review**
_____	**Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) _____) to approve**
_____	**Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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11-17-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2027 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, INCLUDING URGING RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, GUIDING PRINCIPLES, AND DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS; WAIVING PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION NOS. R-764-13 AND R-1267-18

WHEREAS, the 120th United States Congress will convene on January 3, 2027; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal or state legislative package respectively to the Board, to include all "urging" resolutions and other resolutions related to federal or state legislation passed by the Board of County Commissioners to date for the current Congress or session; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, this Board approved Resolution No. R-764-13, which directed that the federal and state legislative packages each be presented to the Board in two separate companion items, one consisting of no more than ten priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and the other to include guiding principles, Board "urging" resolutions enacted to date and departmental items for approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-764-13 provided that, upon the priorities being approved and effective including any amendments by the Board, the Chair of the Board, or a County Commissioner designated by the Chair, shall transmit the priorities to the respective federal or state legislative delegation; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2018, this Board approved Resolution No. R-1267-18, which:

1. Directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to timely remit the federal legislative package, after its approval by the Board, to the County's federal contract lobbyists for feedback and to prepare a report detailing the findings of said feedback prior to the Board's consideration of the federal legislative priorities, with such report being placed on the Board agenda as a supplement to the item providing for the Board's consideration of the federal legislative priorities;

2. Directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include in the draft federal legislative package the federal legislative requests from the Public Health Trust, if available; and

3. Requested that the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, starting in December 2019 and each year thereafter, present the draft legislative package for the following year to the Board for consideration in December; and

WHEREAS, unless waived, the provision of Resolution No. R-1267-18 directing the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to seek the input of the County's federal contract lobbyists after the Board approves the federal legislative package necessitates the Board approving the federal legislative package at one meeting and then deciding on federal legislative priorities at a subsequent meeting; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2027 federal legislative package, including urging resolutions enacted by the Board through the October 20, 2026 Board meeting, guiding principles, and departmental legislative requests is attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to waive (1) the provisions of Resolution No. R-764-13 providing for the Board's selection of no more than ten priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation, and (2) the provisions of Resolution No. R-1267-18 directing the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to seek the input of the County's federal contract lobbyists after the Board approves the federal legislative package and to prepare a report for the Board's consideration detailing the findings of said feedback prior to the Board's selection of the federal legislative priorities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Approves the 2027 federal legislative package, including urging resolutions adopted by the Board through the October 20, 2026 Board meeting, guiding principles, and departmental legislative requests, as set forth in the attached.

Section 2. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the 2027 federal legislative package.

Section 3. Waives (1) the provisions of Resolution No. R-764-13 providing for the Board's selection of no more than ten priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation, and (2) the provisions of Resolution No. R-1267-18 directing the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to seek the input of the County's federal contract lobbyists after the Board approves the federal legislative package and to prepare a report for the Board's consideration detailing the findings of said feedback prior to the Board's selection of the federal legislative priorities.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Anthony Rodriguez. It was offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman

Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2026. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By:_____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Jess M. McCarty
Michael J. Mastrucci
Javier Zapata

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
2027 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Home Rule and Preemption: ***SUPPORT*** preservation of local home rule. ***OPPOSE*** any effort to preempt local authority.

Federal Funding, Cost Shifts, and Unfunded Mandates: ***SUPPORT*** preservation of existing federal funding for County programs. ***SUPPORT*** direct federal funding to counties and cities. ***OPPOSE*** any additional cost shifts or unfunded mandates from the federal government to the County and any reductions in County revenue or formula funding from the federal government. ***OPPOSE*** any measure that would adversely affect County revenues.

Protect Previous Federal Funding: ***SUPPORT*** efforts to secure, at minimum, the same level of federal funding for County programs as last year. Maintain programmatic funding as well as County specific funding.

Promote Partnerships: ***SUPPORT*** partnerships with other counties, municipalities, national associations, and any other entity that would help to create favorable outcomes for the County.

MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEDERAL RESOLUTIONS

Through the October 20, 2026 Board meeting

R-904-26: RESOLUTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH SARGASSUM (SEAWEED) REMOVAL AND TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD FURTHER AID IN COMBATTING THE ADVERSE IMPACTS OF SARGASSUM SEAWEED INFLOWS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (Steinberg)

R-903-26: RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO REIMBURSE LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE G20 LEADERS' SUMMIT IN DORAL IN DECEMBER 2026 (Gilbert)

R-891-26: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 4674, TITLED THE DESTROYING UNNECESSARY, MISALIGNED, AND PROHIBITIVE RED TAPE ACT (THE "DUMP RED TAPE ACT"), H.R. 4305, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S ("SBA") OFFICE OF ADVOCACY TO CONTINUE RUNNING THE RED TAPE HOTLINE, A WEBSITE WHERE SMALL BUSINESSES CAN REPORT COMPLAINTS AND ISSUES WITH REGULATIONS, POLICY STATEMENTS, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES TO THE SBA (Bermudez)

R-857-26: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS H.R. 10212, THE PEPTIDES FOR VETERANS ACT, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD STUDY THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF PEPTIDE-BASED THERAPIES FOR VETERANS RECEIVING CARE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (Gonzalez)

R-855-26: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ESTABLISH FAIR, EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE E-BOOK LICENSING TERMS FOR LIBRARIES (Garcia)

R-853-26: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT H.R. 9569, THE MAKING CONDOS SAFER AND AFFORDABLE ACT OF 2026, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION, THAT EXPANDS ACCESS TO FINANCING FOR NECESSARY STRUCTURAL AND SAFETY REPAIRS FOR CONDOMINIUMS (Garcia)

R-439-26: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE BOARD'S INTENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MAY 20TH AS CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY AND TO CONDEMN THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT'S MANY

HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES; AND URGING AND CALLING ON PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO STAND AGAINST THESE ABUSES (Milian Orbis; Rodriguez)

R-237-26: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE DEFIANCE ACT OF 2025, S. 1837, H.R. 3562, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES LEGAL RECOURSE TO VICTIMS OF NON-CONSENSUAL INTIMATE DIGITAL FORGERIES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WHO PRODUCE, POSSESS WITH INTENT TO DISCLOSE, DISCLOSE, OR SOLICIT AND RECEIVE SUCH CONTENT WITHOUT CONSENT (Cohen Higgins)

DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS BY POLICY AREA

Policy Area: Transportation and Ports

Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)

SMART Program Funding: ***SUPPORT*** funding and financing for all corridors (Beach, East-West, North, Northeast, and South Dade) of the SMART Program. ***SUPPORT*** streamlining of the federal funding application process to assist implementation of the SMART Program.

Public Transit and Passenger Rail Funding: ***SUPPORT*** passage of the FY 2027 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development appropriations bill and continuation of advance appropriations to maintain or increase funding for public transit and passenger rail to bring public transit to a state of good repair. ***SUPPORT*** funding the fully authorized amount for the following programs: 1) Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program; 2) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program; and 3) public transit formula and bus and bus facility competitive grants. ***OPPOSE*** any decreases to FTA funding or staffing levels.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization: ***SUPPORT*** the BUILD America 250 Act (H.R. 8870) or any other long-term surface transportation reauthorization that provides consistent, reliable funding and discretionary opportunities to support County-owned and supported infrastructure, including local roads, bridges, transit, and rail. ***SUPPORT*** full funding of the Federal Transit Formula Program and State of Good Repair (SGR) grants at least to 2025-26 levels, essential for County infrastructure modernization projects, including Metrorail and Metromover systems, vertical conveyance upgrades, and the acquisition of battery electric buses.

Discretionary Transportation Grants: ***SUPPORT*** the award of U.S. Department of Transportation grant funds that the County is eligible for.

Bridge Program: ***SUPPORT*** sufficient funding to rehabilitate or replace County roads and bridges through USDOT discretionary and formula programs, Community Project Funding (CPF) requests, and other opportunities.

Flood Risk Mitigation: ***SUPPORT*** maintaining or increasing funding levels for flood risk mitigation through programs like the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant program, the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation funding. ***SUPPORT*** efforts to ensure that federally funded projects are built resiliently, accounting for future environmental conditions and incorporating nature-based solutions to the extent

practicable. ***SUPPORT*** CPF or other funding opportunities for local infrastructure improvement projects to address roadway flooding, standing water, and inadequate stormwater conveyance. ***OPPOSE*** efforts to eliminate or reduce funding for FEMA HMA and/or BRIC grants.

Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD)

Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Formula and Discretionary Grant Funding: *SUPPORT* funding the fully authorized amount for AIP ($4 billion) as proposed in both the U.S. House and Senate FY 2026 Transportation appropriations bills. ***ADVOCATE*** for additional funding for discretionary grants to airports of all sizes as proposed in H.R. 9170 (2026).

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Aviation Funding: *SUPPORT* the extension of aviation funding programs authorized under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA): the Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) program, the Airport Terminal Program (ATP), and the Air Traffic Facilities (ATF) program. Over the past five years, the federal government has invested $25 billion to improve the national airspace system: $20 billion for airport infrastructure, including airfield upgrades, terminal development, and airport-owned control towers; and $5 billion for FAA facility upgrades. These investments have expanded capacity, modernized aging infrastructure, and supported economic growth in communities nationwide. Advocate for the extension of these programs.

Aviation System Solvency and Continuity: *SUPPORT* the passage of the Aviation Funding Solvency Act (H.R. 6086). MDAD prioritizes legislation that safeguards Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) operations and ensures air traffic controllers and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) personnel remain fully funded and staffed during potential federal government shutdowns, preventing operational disruptions and project delays.

Increase Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Staffing Levels: *SUPPORT* legislation similar to the Securing America's Ports of Entry Act of 2025 (S. 1678 / H.R. 4683) that provide funding to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers and support staff and requires reports that identify staffing, infrastructure, and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry. Increased CBP staffing levels will help meet the current and future needs at Miami International Airport and beyond.

PortMiami (PORT)

Donor and Energy Transfer (D&ET) Ports Program: *ADVOCATE*, in coordination with the American Association of Port Authorities, to fully implement the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) reforms of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (WRDA

2020) by the FY 2027 Energy and Water Development (E&W) appropriations bill, specifically: 1) WRDA 2020 § 104 (increases funding for the D&ET Program by $2 million annually through FY 2030) and 2) WRDA 2020 § 102 (allocates 8% of available HMTF funds to Donor Ports). The House (committee-approved) FY 2027 E&W appropriations bill includes the increase for the D&ET program to $64 million. § 102 can be addressed in the Senate E&W bill which is pending markup before the Senate Appropriations Committee. ***ADVOCATE*** for the same by the 2028 E&W appropriations bills. ***ADVOCATE*** for Senate support (in conference) of § 113 of House-passed H.R. 9497, WRDA 2026, which restricts United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) authority to redirect § 102 funds for other purposes.

PortMiami Roadway Improvements: ***ADVOCATE*** for retention of the $1 million provided for PortMiami's Roadway Improvement project by the House (committee-approved) 2027 THUD appropriations bill. ***SUPPORT*** PortMiami is launching key infrastructure upgrades to address the rapid growth in trade volumes and port traffic, which have surged by over 17% since 2019. This project focuses on immediate improvements to roadway capacity, wayfinding, and tunnel access points, all of which are foundational to handling higher cargo throughput and keeping goods—and commuters—moving efficiently in and out of the Port.

PortMiami New Start Reimbursement: ***ADVOCATE*** for Senate support (in conference) of § 319 of House-passed H.R. 9497, WRDA (2026), which directs the USACE to reimburse Miami-Dade County for the federal share of the costs of the completed 50/52-foot project and to remove the new start requirement as a prerequisite to receiving reimbursement. The new start requirement has been a barrier for receiving repayment of the $90,528,000 federal share advanced to the USACE. ***ADVOCATE*** for initial reimbursement by the 2028 E&W appropriations bills.

Ship-to-Shore Gantry Cranes: ***SUPPORT*** the provision of funding to assist PortMiami in the purchasing of ship-to-shore (STS) gantry cranes. PortMiami cargo volumes have exceeded the capacity of the Port's existing cargo ship-to-shore (STS) gantry cranes, creating a bottleneck that threatens efficiency, supply chain reliability, and U.S. competitiveness. With the anticipated retirement of 2 gantry cranes and given the continued increase in utilization of the existing Super Post-Panamax (SPPX) gantry cranes, the Port requires additional SPPX gantry cranes to efficiently support growing load-on/load-off of cargo containers for continued, seamless supply chain operations and serve larger container vessels calling at PortMiami. The provision of federal funding, combined with Port funding, would help cover the increased cost of one new STS gantry crane where prices increased roughly $12 million to as much as $40 million.

Discretionary Grant Programs: ***MONITOR*** preparations for the next multi-year surface transportation reauthorization bill in the next Congress and ***SUPPORT*** industry in advocating for robust funding levels for DOT programs which have provided essential grant support for PortMiami's infrastructure initiatives, including the Infrastructure for

Rebuilding America Program (INFRA), the National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program and the Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program (PIDP). Advocate for THUD appropriations in 2027 and 2028 and for a continuation of advanced funding, as provided by the expired Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Miami Harbor Feasibility Study: ***MONITOR*** for USACE progress on completing the Miami Harbor feasibility study and producing a Chief of Engineer's report by 2028, therefore positioning the next (Phase IV) dredging project for congressional authorization by WRDA 2028. The ongoing Miami Harbor feasibility study is assessing the improvements needed to the federal channel, to assure continued efficiencies for the movement of global commerce through the channel, while sustaining the Port's dramatic growth and economic impact on South Florida.

Maritime Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Staffing Levels: ***SUPPORT*** industry efforts to allocate additional U.S. Customs inspectors to maritime ports, pursuant to the additional funding provided by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (P.L. 119-21) for hiring and training additional CBP personnel. With the incoming wave of officer retirements and cargo volumes steadily increasing, additional staffing is essential to ensure timely and efficient inspection operations at PortMiami.

Building Infrastructure, Not Paperwork: ***MONITOR*** the "Building Infrastructure, Not Paperwork" (BINP) initiative directly accelerates the future dredging and maintenance needs of the Miami federal channel by stripping away bureaucratic layers, streamlining environmental and permit reviews, and handing decision-making power back to regional leaders. Announced on February 23, 2026, by Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, the 27-point reform agenda refocuses USACE on its core water infrastructure missions. For PortMiami's ongoing navigation and dredging demands, this initiative provides a pathway for risk-informed decisive actions that will lead to building needed navigational improvements.

PortMiami North Bulkhead Improvement Project: ***ADVOCATE*** for the provision of funding for the North Bulkhead Improvement project. The North Bulkhead Improvement project is a critical infrastructure investment that will preserve and enhance PortMiami's operational capacity as the Cruise Capital of the World and Florida's premier cruise gateway. The existing north bulkhead has reached the end of its useful service life. The project will replace and realign approximately 7,200 linear feet of aging waterfront infrastructure, creating a modern cruise berth system designed to serve the industry's largest and most advanced vessels while improving navigational safety, operational efficiency, and berth utilization. In addition to replacing aging infrastructure, the project significantly enhances the Port's resilience by incorporating modern engineering standards that improve resistance to storm surge, vessel loading, and extreme weather events.

INFRA Grant Applications and Inland Port Development: ***ADVOCATE*** for the continuation of Senate committee report language encouraging the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to give favorable consideration to INFRA Grant applications that include inland port components, recognizing their significance to national supply-chain efficiency. Reinforcing this language in the FY 2027 appropriations process would strengthen PortMiami's competitiveness in future Infra Grant cycles and support the advancement of the Port's Cargo *Mobility, Optimization, and Inland Ports* Project. Renewed congressional direction would provide federal partners clear guidance on the value of inland-port development and enhance the Port's positioning for forthcoming DOT discretionary opportunities.

Policy Area: Environment and Resilience

Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM)

Water Resources and Biscayne Bay Restoration: ***SUPPORT*** efforts to restore Biscayne Bay and water resources countywide, including protecting and recharging the potable water supplies, water quality and habitats, including the development of a Reasonable Assurance Plan, secure recurring funds for restoration, support for and funding of sargassum monitoring and management practices to minimize impacts to water quality as well as protect coastal habitats and public health, and legislation providing federal grants to facilitate projects to restore water quality, restore and protect coral reefs, seagrass and habitats, and prevent fish kills and algal blooms. ***OPPOSE*** oil exploration and drilling onshore and offshore in Florida, including within Florida's territorial waters and the Everglades, as well as hydraulic and acid fracturing, seismic surveying, and any other form of extreme well stimulation.

Trees and Heat Islands: ***SUPPORT*** the provision of federal funding to expand tree cover, acquire and manage environmentally sensitive lands, and deploy high albedo (cool) and porous pavement to improve air quality, reduce fire risks, mitigate urban heat islands, and reduce runoff and heat impacts.

Grant Funding Optimization: ***SUPPORT*** efforts to ensure that any new funding sources, like state revolving loan funds, be complementary to each other and can be paired with other federal grants, including maintaining U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric (NOAA), and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) funding, legislation and regulations beneficial to Miami-Dade County. ***SUPPORT*** reforms that reduce administrative barriers and accelerate the flow of federal and state funding to local governments. ***OPPOSE*** cuts to appropriations and rollback of regulations protective of South Florida's environment, the health and safety of residents, protection of property, and long-term cost savings for citizens.

Miami-Dade County DERM New Laboratory: ***SUPPORT*** and ***ADVOCATE*** for funding to construct a new laboratory with updated equipment that will provide a safe working environment for county staff and provide cost-efficient and timely analysis of samples collected by DERM for processing, supporting DERM's critical work in responding to environmental complaints, addressing contamination, remediation, restoration efforts, surface water, groundwater, and drinking water quality, and protection of Biscayne Bay and the environment county-wide. The DERM Lab is relied upon for implementation of several federal environmental programs in Miami-Dade County. ***SUPPORT*** Community Project Funding for the new DERM laboratory.

Miami-Dade County Back Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management: ***SUPPORT*** and ***ADVOCATE*** for funding to advance the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 2024 Chief's Report for the Miami-Dade County Back Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Study and associated amendments to the Water Resource Development Act of 2024 (P.L. 118-272) to begin the Pre-Construction, Engineering and Design phase for recommended projects, and the Nature-Based Solution Pilot Program. ***SUPPORT*** Community Project Funding for advancing the protection of critical infrastructure, non-structural floodproofing, and the Nature-Based Solutions Pilot Program.

Corps Everglades Restoration Projects: ***SUPPORT*** funding and implementation of USACE projects impacting the County, including: 1) continued 50% federal cost share for Everglades restoration; 2) swift delivery schedules for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects, including Biscayne Bay Southeastern Everglades Ecosystem Restoration and the Southern Everglades project; 3) accelerated construction on delayed southern features of Central Everglades Planning Project to be completed within two years; and 4) implementation of the Central and Southern Florida System Section 216 Flood Resilience Study as well as the comprehensive study authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-263/WRDA).

Tax Credits: ***SUPPORT*** and ***ADVOCATE*** for reinstating and extending time frames for renewable energy tax credits 30C for alternative fuel vehicle refueling property credit, 48E for clean electricity investment tax credit and 45W for electric vehicle tax credits. ***SUPPORT*** and ***ADVOCATE*** for the inclusion of mass burn waste-to-energy and anaerobic digestion in the Department of Treasury's Annual Table, which identifies facilities eligible for 45Y and 48E tax credits and the addition of 'communities building waste-to-energy facilities or anaerobic digestion facilities' as energy communities pursuant to 26 USC 45(b)(11)(B).

Energy Efficiency, Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems, Battery Storage, and Renewable Energy: ***SUPPORT*** legislation, regulations, and programs to incentivize and expand the deployment of resilient and sustainable energy systems, energy efficiency and weatherization programs, including Energy Star, solar PV systems, battery storage, resilient facility design standards, climate ready infrastructure, EV infrastructure, and other renewable energy technology.

Extreme Weather Resilience: ***SUPPORT*** federal agency planning and regulations for extreme weather resilience, preparedness, and risk management to safeguard critical infrastructure, including exempting Southeast Florida, specifically Miami-Dade County, from federal prohibition of cost-sharing non-domestic sources of beach sand for beach erosion control and sea level rise mitigation; maintaining protections for natural resources including wetlands that provide crucial flood mitigation services; and implementing the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard into all federal programs and other comprehensive funding packages to strengthen critical infrastructure, reduce long-term flood risk, and build community resilience.

Pre-Disaster and Recovery Funding: ***SUPPORT*** restarting and maintaining consistency for key pre-disaster funding streams, including the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, and Flood Mitigation Program, all of which yield a significant return on pre-disaster investment, and robust funding for federal disaster recovery programs, including the Stafford Act, and greater transparency around eligibility and evaluation criteria.

Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM)

Waste Diversion and Zero Waste Programs: ***SUPPORT*** federal legislation to convert waste to recovered resources and divert materials from disposal through activities such as composting, recycling, organic digestion, and renewable hydrogen development. Legislation may include funding for or address: 1) a federal bottle bill; 2) extended producer responsibility; and 3) incentives for public-private partnerships (e.g. the Recycling and Composting Accountability Act (H.R. 4109) and the Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act (H.R. 2145)).

Flow Control and Interstate Waste Transport: ***OPPOSE*** efforts to amend the April 2007 Supreme Court decision, United Haulers Assn. v. Oreida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (No. 05-1345), which held that flow control to publicly owned facilities is an appropriate legislative use of flow control authority.

Market Incentives for Electricity Produced from Renewable Resources: ***ADVOCATE*** for market incentives to encourage development and operation of renewable energy production. ***SUPPORT*** efforts to implement the Renewable Fuel Standard program in a manner that includes waste-to-energy (WTE) eligibility. ***ADVOCATE*** for funding to local governments for metal and other sustainable material recovery. ***ADVOCATE*** for the extension of deadlines in relation to tax credits/direct pay options that would support WTE and other waste diversion and organic processing infrastructure.

Mosquito Control Technologies: ***ADVOCATE*** for dedicated funding through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or directly to state and/or local governments for new and emerging technologies that reduce the risk of mosquito transmitted diseases.

Financial Assistance for Solid Waste Customers: ***ADVOCATE*** for amendments to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program to include solid waste services which will allow low-income households to receive financial assistance for solid waste collection fees.

Recycling Labeling Transparency: ***ADVOCATE*** for the creation of federal labeling standards that define when products can be labeled recyclable or compostable, especially for common materials like beverage containers, packaging, and food service items.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regulations and Compliance: ***SUPPORT*** federal assistance to provide clear guidance, technical assistance, and dedicated funding to help local governments and solid waste agencies meet evolving landfill compliance standards, including methane capture, PFAS monitoring, and leachate treatment.

Federal Funding Opportunities: ***SUPPORT*** federal funding and technical assistance to advance waste-to-energy (WTE) projects, recycling infrastructure, and circular economy initiatives that will ensure the County can enhance solid waste resiliency, develop local recycling markets, and implement sustainable waste management practices, all while minimizing financial impacts on local ratepayers.

WTE and Renewal Energy Credits: ***ADVOCATE*** for waste-to-energy (WTE) as a viable source of renewable energy eligible for tax credits or incentives to minimize landfill waste and align with Miami-Dade County's sustainability objectives.

Rail Transportation of Waste: ***ADVOCATE*** for support from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assist with policy coordination and streamline regulatory processes, ensuring the safe and reliable transportation of waste by rail.

Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces (PROS)

Sargassum Management Funding, Coordination, and Research: ***SUPPORT*** state and federal funding for proactive, adaptive sargassum management in Miami-Dade County, including beach integration, hotspot removal, collection and removal, transport, processing, beneficial use, and disposal. Funding should expand the Country's operational capacity, including equipment and processing and disposal infrastructure, to reduce impacts to beaches, public health, and the tourism economy. ***ADVOCATE*** for

research and development of offshore interception technologies that are safe for marine life and reduce the volume of sargassum, reaching the shoreline.

Ludlam Trail Construction: ***SUPPORT*** the provision of funding for the construction of the Ludlam Trail Project, a 5.6-mile greenway corridor that follows a north-south alignment from SW 80th St to NW 7th St and between 69th Ave to 70th Ave. Upon completion, the Ludlam Trail will be an integral component of the County's regional network of greenway trails and multimodal mobility corridors that will provide alternative modes of transportation between schools, parks, transit, and economic hubs, and that will support growth throughout Miami-Dade County.

Biscayne-Everglades Greenway – Construction of Segment D Phase 1 Connecting Two National Parks: ***SUPPORT*** the provision of funding for the construction of the Biscayne-Everglades Greenway, Segment D, Phase 1, a 2.5-mile segment of the overall greenway that directly connects to the Biscayne National Park, between SW 328th Street and SW 117th Ave. along L31E & C103S Mowry Canal in southern Miami-Dade County, east of Homestead. The Biscayne-Everglades Greenway will be the first non-motorized trail in the country to connect two National Parks and would have an immediate economic impact on Homestead and the surrounding communities in southern Miami-Dade County.

Snapper Creek Trail – Construction of the Segment B Phase 1 – Enhancing Regional Connectivity: ***SUPPORT*** the provision of funding for the construction of the Snapper Creek Trail Segment B Phase 1, a critical 0.3-mile segment of the overall 10.6-mile greenway corridor, extending along the Snapper Creek Canal from US 1 and The Underline on the west to SW 67 Avenue/Ludlam Road on the east. This segment will provide a vital connection between existing and planned multimodal facilities, including The Underline, Ludlam Trail, the Metrorail system, and future shared-use path improvements along SW 67 Avenue/Ludlam Road.

Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER)

Resilient Building Retrofits: ***SUPPORT*** the provision of funding for building envelope and foundation weatherization programs to support retrofitting existing buildings, flooding adaptation plans for underground parking garages, seawall fortification, and cool roof technologies to comply with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Champlain Tower findings and the anticipated 2026 NIST report on the safety of existing buildings.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP): ***SUPPORT*** efforts to reauthorize, improve, and strengthen the NFIP with provisions that limit premium rate increases and protect affordability, encourage greater program participation, expand the Increased Cost of

Compliance Program, emphasize and increase funding for mitigation, and develop accurate flood maps.

Miami-Dade Spaceport Territory: ***SUPPORT*** the provision of federal funding to advance critical infrastructure and site readiness within the Miami-Dade County Spaceport Territory, designated by the Florida Legislature in 2024. This funding would transform County-owned land in South Dade into a shovel-ready aerospace, aviation, defense, and advanced manufacturing employment center. Miami-Dade County seeks federal investment in essential infrastructure, including roadway access, water and wastewater systems, stormwater management, electrical capacity and redundancy, and environmental remediation. These improvements will unlock private investment, attract aerospace and defense industries, and create high-wage jobs in South Dade. Importantly, these investments will also strengthen infrastructure that supports the military value, operational resilience, and long-term mission of the adjacent Homestead Air Reserve Base, advancing both regional economic development and national defense priorities.

Water and Sewer Department (WASD)

Infrastructure Financing and Programs: ***SUPPORT*** the implementation of Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Authority (WIFIA); provision of adequate funding of State Revolving Loan Funds; and new actions on affordability, resilience, Clean Water Act mandates, and Safe Drinking Water Act mandates.

Tax-Exempt Municipal Bond Financing: ***OPPOSE*** altering tax-exempt municipal bond financing on public drinking water and wastewater systems and capping or eliminating the 100-year-old tax-exempt status of municipal bonds. ***SUPPORT*** the amendment of federal tax laws to restore local government's ability to permit the refinancing of existing tax-exempt bonds with new tax-exempt bonds at more favorable rates.

Sound Science for Public Health and Environmental Protection: ***SUPPORT*** actions that will allow the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other federal agencies to assess risks and develop cost-effective technologies and management strategies to mitigate those risks for the protection of public health and the environment through the setting of standards, the provision of technical assistance to utilities, and the integration of programs to optimize results. ***OPPOSE*** efforts to decrease or permanently eliminate EPA staff positions.

Needs-Tested Funding for Utility Customers: ***SUPPORT*** legislation authorizing needs-tested funding to utility customers for whom utility costs are unaffordable as utilities are legally constrained in using revenues to subsidize financially challenged customers

Septic-to-Sewer Conversion Funding: ***SUPPORT*** federal grants and loans for septic-to-sewer projects, including for public infrastructure and private property connections, where septic systems pose public health risks or harm key public resources, such as Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National Park.

PFAS Remediation: ***SUPPORT*** legislation that provides protection to water and wastewater utilities from per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) liability—particularly under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)—as well as dedicated funding for cleanup, control, and research to set science-based standards using cost-effective technologies considering the significant burden utilities face in remediating PFAS. ***SUPPORT*** efforts to establish or expand federal funding opportunities for local utilities to address PFAS in compliance with applicable federal requirements. This includes funding for the research, testing, evaluation, planning, design, permitting, construction, installation, operation, and implementation of infrastructure, equipment, systems, facilities, and technologies necessary to detect, treat, manage, dispose of, or destroy PFAS at water and wastewater treatment facilities.

Biosolids Processing and Bioenergy Facilities Funding: ***SUPPORT*** legislation expanding funding opportunities, independently or with private partners, to develop processing facilities and transform biosolids into renewable bioenergy products.

Policy Area: Community Services

Community Services Department (CSD)

Community Services Block Grant Act (CSBG): ***ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** passage of the CSBG Improvement Act (H.R. 3131) to reauthorize CSBG at $1 billion annually from FY 2026 through FY 2032. ***AMEND*** CSBG to refine benchmarks and improve national performance measurement. These efforts should continue to emphasize measurable outcomes in workforce participation, economic mobility, and accountability. This investment will allow more than 1,000 Community Action Agencies, such as Miami-Dade County, across the country to expand workforce development, job training, and economic self-sufficiency programs that move individuals off public assistance and into the workforce. These outcomes help reduce long-term government dependency, maximize the federal taxpayer's return on investment, and contribute towards quality-of-life improvements individually and communally.

Head Start and Early Head Start Funding: ***ADVOCATE*** to maintain or increase funding levels for the Head Start and Early Head Start Grant, Early Start Child Care Partnership Grant, and Early Head Start Expansion and Child Care Partnership Grant for FY 2027. ***ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** the following: 1) legislation incentivizing the State of

Florida to match the 20% share provided, respectively, by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and community stakeholders; 2) passage of the Child Care for Working Families Act (H.R. 4418/S. 2295); and 3) reintroduction of the Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act in the 119th Congress. ***ADVOCATE*** and ***SUPPORT*** for HHS, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start to undertake a targeted approach towards forthcoming rule-making for Head Start and Early Head Start focused on: 1) retaining strong federal minimums where a uniform safeguard protects vulnerable children and families; 2) allowing implementation flexibility where local programs can meet the same outcome through different methods; and 3) removing requirements only where there is a demonstrable duplicative that does not weaken service quality or access. Miami-Dade's local school-readiness and longitudinal data demonstrate strong gains for children participating in the County's Head Start model, including 85% to 95% of four- and five-year-olds meeting kindergarten-readiness benchmarks by the third assessment point and stronger kindergarten and third-grade outcomes among children with two or more years of participation; maintaining standards and funding will contribute to continued success by the County's Head Start Program.

Continued Support and Maintenance of Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): ***ADVOCATE*** and ***SUPPORT*** for the continued funding of the SNAP program and providing additional transition times and flexibility before any reductions to federal administrative reimbursement rates for the Program, or a phased implementation thereof. ***SUPPORT*** legislative efforts that increase funding to meet growing needs. SNAP is a critical federal program that helps reduce food insecurity and improve health outcomes for low-income individuals and families. In Florida, nearly 3 million residents benefit from SNAP, including more than 215,000 households in Miami-Dade County. According to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, three out of five of these households include one or more older adult members. SNAP also plays a vital role in supporting local economies by increasing food purchasing power at grocery stores and farmers markets. As food costs rise and economic pressures persist, it is essential that Congress protect and strengthen this program to ensure continued access to nutritious food for those who need it most in the community. Additionally, reductions in the federal share of allowable SNAP state administrative expenses may result in downstream impacts that could interrupt these critical lifelines for nutrition and food security for many low-income and vulnerable families in Miami-Dade.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (Byrne JAG) Grant Funding: ***SUPPORT*** funding for Byrne JAG through the U.S. Department of Justice to continue vital funding for Miami-Dade County Community Services Department's Juvenile Prearrest Delinquency Citation Program that provides juvenile offenders an alternative to arrest with an 82% success rate and just 2% recidivism. Since its inception, this program has impacted the lives of over 25,000 vulnerable youth and provided them with the opportunity to thrive and succeed long-term.

Older Americans Act (OAA): ***ADVOCATE*** for passage of the Older Americans Reauthorization Act (S. 2120 (2025)) to support expanded and enhanced service provision, including in-home support, adult day care, respite for caregivers, transportation, recreational field trips, and hot meals for qualifying clients.

Job Development and Pipelines to In-Demand and Future-Ready Jobs: ***SUPPORT*** and ***ADVOCATE*** for increased funding for job development programs and initiatives that prepare job seekers for in-demand and high-tech jobs, bridging the skills gap and fostering economic resilience.

Systemic Treatment and Recovery for Opioid-Naloxone Grant Funding: ***ADVOCATE*** for dedicated, sufficient funding to expand access to Medication Assisted Treatment for high-risk individuals with opioid use disorders and to link these individuals to appropriate care.

Community Health and Behavioral Health Services: ***ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** increased funding to address the mental health needs of children and adults experiencing substance use disorder, mental health illness, or co-occurring disorders.

Mental Health Crisis Stabilization Services: ***ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** federal funding to expand low-/no-cost behavioral health services for individuals in Miami-Dade County with serious mental illnesses and those diverted from the criminal justice system in a comprehensive, therapeutic, and recovery-focused continuum of care environment such as the Phase One operations planned for the Mental Health Center overseen by the Miami-Dade County Community Services Department.

Weatherization Assistance and Home Rehabilitation Programs: ***ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** increased funding for the Weatherization and Home Rehabilitation programs to improve investments in energy efficiency and home rehabilitation improvements available to lower income homeowners.

Cultural Affairs (CUA)

Federal Funding, Cost Shifts, and Unfunded Mandates: ***SUPPORT*** maintaining or increasing funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for FY 2027 from the final enacted FY 2026 funding amount of $207 million. ***SUPPORT*** maintaining or increasing funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for FY 2027 from the final enacted FY 2026 funding amount of $207 million. ***SUPPORT*** maintaining or increasing funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for FY 2027 from the final enacted FY 2026 funding amount of $291.8 million. ***SUPPORT*** maintaining or increased funding for the following arts education and other federal programs, including: 1) Assistance for Arts Education (from the final enacted FY 2026 funding amount of $36.5 million); 2) Education Title I-A – Education for disadvantaged kids (from

the final enacted FY 2026 funding amount of $18.43 billion); 3) Education Title II-A – Professional Development (from the final enacted FY 2026 funding amount of $2.19 billion); 4) Education Title IV-A – Student Support (from the final enacted FY 2026 funding amount of $1.38 billion); and 5) Education Title IV-B – 21st Century Community Learning Centers (from the final enacted FY 2026 funding amount of $1.33 billion). ***AMEND*** the A Stronger Workforce for America Act of 2026 (ASWA) to explicitly integrate the creative economy. By expanding the formal definitions of ASWA, funding will be allowed to subsidize the creative economy where appropriate.

Homeless Trust (HT)

Funding for Homeless Programs: ***SUPPORT*** the provision of increased funding for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants programs, including the competitive Continuum of Care (CoC) Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant formula grant program.

Continuum of Care Lead Agencies: ***SUPPORT*** efforts to ensure that Continuum of Care lead agencies remain the designated entities within specific geographic areas to plan, coordinate, and manage funding to address homelessness.

Special Purpose Vouchers Funding: ***SUPPORT*** the continuation of funding for the Special Purpose Vouchers (SPVs). SPVs are federally funded housing choice vouchers explicitly authorized and appropriated by Congress to assist specific vulnerable populations in the private rental market.

Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program: ***SUPPORT*** the provision of increased funding for the HUD Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program (Section 202). This is housing assistance targeted to very low-income older adult ages 62 and over.

Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Funding: ***ADVOCATE*** for an increase to the CDBG and HOME formula grant allocations. ***OPPOSE*** the elimination or diversion of either formula grant program. ***SUPPORT*** efforts to implement the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act and allocate any new funding opportunities associated with the Act. ***SUPPORT*** legislation that allows Grantees flexibility beyond the federal spending cap (15% of grant) specific to the Public Service category under the CDBG program. This will allow for Grantees to award and expend CDBG Public Service dollars commensurate with individual jurisdiction needs. ***SUPPORT*** maintaining adequate U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) staffing levels required to execute these programs.

Capital Fund: ***SUPPORT*** the provision of full Capital Fund support, with authority to combine resources for Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) and other preservation or repositioning transactions while protecting residents and replacement housing. The ROAD Act increased RAD's conversion cap by 100,000 units; HCD is asking Congress to fund implementation and consider sufficient future authority for its pipeline.

Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security Program: ***ADVOCATE*** for increased funding and sustained grants for documented public housing safety needs.

Funding for Public Housing and Public Housing Authorities (PHAs): ***ADVOCATE*** for increased federal funding for public housing operating funds to preserve existing housing stock and improve federally funded programs that provide crucial housing support to low-income families. ***SUPPORT*** allowing HUD to permit PHAs rated "standard" to qualify for Moving to Work status with justification. ***SUPPORT*** allowing PHAs to appeal operating subsidies per unit month if there is a significant gap between the existing per unit month and Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) contract rents.

Housing for Specific Disabilities and Elderly: ***SUPPORT*** allowing U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-assisted housing to be designated for specific disabilities and the elderly.

Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program Expansion: ***SUPPORT*** full renewal funding based on actual local rents, adequate administrative fees, usable shortfall funding, protection of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) reserves, continued issuance of turnover vouchers, and the ability to enter new project-based voucher commitments. ***SUPPORT*** the provision of funding for new increments to address the housing affordability crisis.

Restore-Rebuild Initiative: ***SUPPORT*** restoring and preserving the Restore-Rebuild Initiative, formerly Faircloth-to-RAD, to allow public housing authorities to replace previously demolished or disposed public housing units and convert newly developed units through Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) to a sustainable long-term rental assistance platform. ***ADVOCATE*** for a viable path for projects already in planning or development and for flexibility to use available public housing funds and other eligible resources to complete such projects, beyond Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) reserves. ***OPPOSE*** administrative actions that prevent PHAs from using available authority to restore deeply affordable units.

Choice Neighborhoods Initiative: ***ADVOCATE*** for continued and increased federal funding for Choice Neighborhoods Planning and Implementation Grants. ***SUPPORT*** timely award administration and sufficient U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) staffing to carry out existing grants and to fund future locally driven redevelopment of distressed public or HUD-assisted housing and surrounding neighborhoods. ***OPPOSE***

eliminating the program or reducing funding in a way that jeopardizes existing commitments or future competitions.

Public Library System (LIB)

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Funding: *SUPPORT* the House Appropriations Committee's FY 2027 recommendation of $291,800,000 for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and urge the Senate to match or exceed that level. IMLS funding provides federal support for library services through state library agencies and other programs, supporting literacy, workforce development, lifelong learning, and other essential community services. Recent data from IMLS's Public Libraries Survey demonstrate the continued reach and relevance of public libraries nationwide. In 2023, public libraries recorded more than 800 million visits, offered 4.6 million programs attended by 93 million people, and saw continued growth in both physical and digital circulation. These figures demonstrate the enduring role of public libraries in communities across the country.

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Elimination: *OPPOSE* the Administration's FY 2027 budget proposal to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). IMLS provides critical federal support for libraries and museums nationwide, including funding that supports literacy, workforce development, lifelong learning, and access to library resources and services in communities across the country. Eliminating IMLS would eliminate dedicated federal support for these programs and services at a time when libraries continue to serve millions of people through collections, programs, technology, and other essential community resources.

Policy Area: Finance and Government Operations

People and Internal Operations Department (PIOD)

Disabled Parking Program Modernization: *SUPPORT* federal legislation that enhance the integrity, accessibility, and enforcement of disabled parking programs nationwide. The County supports federal policies that strengthen verification standards, reduce fraud, safeguard revenues for local governments, and improve equitable parking access for people with disabilities. The County further supports federal initiatives that improve coordination among states, standardize enforcement tools, and expand public education to ensure consistent and fair implementation.

Visitability Standards in Housing: *SUPPORT* federal legislation and administrative action that expand Visitability requirements in all newly constructed single-family and

multifamily homes nationwide. The County supports federal policies that ensure at least one zero step entrance, wide interior doorways, and an accessible first floor bathroom to promote access for people with disabilities.

Public Infrastructure Modernization: ***SUPPORT*** federal legislation and funding that strengthen the construction, rehabilitation, and modernization of public buildings and facilities. The County supports federal policies that expand investment in resilient infrastructure, streamline permitting, and enhance local government capacity to deliver safe, efficient, and sustainable public facilities.

Strategic Procurement Department (SPD)

Miami-Dade Small Business Procurement Opportunity Fund – $2,000,000 Federal Appropriation: ***SUPPORT*** the provision of funding in the amount of $2,000,000 to establish the Miami-Dade Small Business Procurement Opportunity Fund, a revolving financing initiative designed to help certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms successfully fulfill County contracts. The Fund would be administered by a qualified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) to provide eligible SBE contractors with working capital to cover essential contract-related expenses, including materials, payroll, equipment, insurance, and other allowable performance costs. By addressing cash-flow barriers that can prevent small businesses from executing awarded contracts, the initiative would strengthen contract performance, expand small business participation in County procurement, support job creation, and stimulate local economic growth. As loans are repaid, capital would be recycled into new loans, creating a sustainable financing resource that extends the impact of the federal investment and helps Miami-Dade County's small businesses turn contract awards into lasting economic opportunity.

Federal Pipeline for Small Businesses: ***SUPPORT*** the creation of a federal pathway that helps successful local small businesses graduate from the County's SBE program to federal opportunities. ***SUPPORT*** efforts to enact federal procurement reforms that recognize verified local-government contract performance as relevant past performance, while connecting local procurement programs with Small Business Administration (SBA), APEX Accelerators, and federal agencies. The goal is to create a clear "County Contract to Federal Contract" pipeline that enables proven small businesses to scale, compete, and grow into larger markets.

Policy Area: Public Safety

Department of Emergency Management (DEM)

Mobile Command Unit Acquisition and Deployment Funding: ***SUPPORT*** the provision of funding in the amount of $1 million to acquire and deploy a Mobile Command Unit (MCU) to enhance emergency response, real-time coordination, and operational resiliency during disasters and major incidents. The MCU strengthens regional interoperability, improves situational awareness, and ensures continuity of operations across agencies, especially during hurricanes, mass casualty events, and large-scale gatherings.

Integration of the National Weather Service (NWS) Miami with Miami-Dade County DEM: ***SUPPORT*** the collocation of the NWS Miami in Miami-Dade County's Integrated Command and Communications Center within the County Emergency Operations Center in order to integrate meteorological forecasted information into the decision-making process during the response phase of extreme weather events.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Reform: ***SUPPORT*** passage of the Fixing Emergency Management for Americans Act (H.R. 4669) that returns FEMA to a cabinet-level agency and streamlines the federal government's disaster response and recovery programs. ***SUPPORT*** maintaining the following: 1) funding for FEMA; 2) current federal disaster thresholds; and 3) cost-share levels.