



January 27, 2022

Honorable Charlie Crist  
United States Congressman  
215 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH – JOHN’S PASS SAND ISSUES, APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST**

Dear Congressman Crist,

Thank you very much for your continued daily service ensuring Floridians retain a very high quality of life. Your work representing our District 13 area is very much appreciated, particularly for and by the City of Madeira Beach residents, businesses, and visitors.

The City of Madeira Beach respectfully requests your assistance in obtaining directed appropriations to be placed on a regular schedule with the US Army Corps of Engineers for dredging and beach groins replacement, more specifically:

1. **DREDGING OF JOHN’S PASS** – remove sand constantly accumulating and clogging the north side of the John’s Pass inlet and the northern shoal and utilize the removed sand for beach renourishment along other Pinellas beaches.
2. **BEACH GROINS REPLACEMENT** – obtain federal funding to assist with the replacement of approximately 25 beach groins on the Madeira Beach sand that have saved our beach from erosion since 1957.

Over the years, other nearby beach communities have received millions in county, state, and federal funds for beach renourishment/restoration and maintenance, while Madeira Beach has not. The City of Madeira Beach respectfully requests equal funding opportunities and distribution to allow for the much needed dredging and groins replacement. Please place this request in appropriations to be included in the regular US Army Corps of Engineers schedule for the listed periodic dredging and beach groins replacement.

Thank you very much for your attention and assistance. Please contact me with any questions.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin I. Gomez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robin I. Gomez, Madeira Beach City Manager