



**RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

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Dear Chairmen Carper and Graves, and Ranking Members Capito and Larsen:

On behalf of Broward County, I am writing to sincerely thank you for leading the Water Resources Development Act process this year and for including language in Sec. 1145 to address easement issues for authorized hurricane and storm damage risk reduction projects along Florida's shorelines.

As you may be aware, nearly all of Broward County's 24 miles of beaches are considered critically eroded, and our partnership with the federal government has been crucial in maintaining adequate beach width to protect valuable upland infrastructure, provide space for recreation, and create habitat for threatened and endangered species. Broward County's beaches are a driving force for the local economy; they contribute upwards of \$6 billion annually to our local economy, add \$1.4 billion to County property values, protect more than \$7 billion in shorefront property and infrastructure, and attract over 12 million visitors per year to the County.

Given the importance of Broward County's beaches to tourism, the local economy, and environmental protections, your dedication to providing relief for our beach program as part of the broader efforts contained in the Act are very much appreciated. We look forward to maintaining our partnership with the federal government so that our local beaches continue to thrive.

Thank you again for your diligence and leadership in advancing the biennial Water Resources Development Act this year. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please call me at 954-519-1464, or contact me via email at [jjurado@broward.org](mailto:jjurado@broward.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer L. Jurado".

Dr. Jennifer Jurado  
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