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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the deployment and installation of fish aggregating devices (FADs) in Puerto Rico in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bluetide Puerto Rico, Inc., located at 482 Avenida Manuel Fernández Juncos, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901.

The funding would be used to deploy and install fifty (50) FADs in the coastal waters of Puerto Rico to attract pelagic fish and support both recreational and commercial fishing activities. The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it would help grow and develop the local ocean-based economy, while simultaneously helping promote the responsible use and protection of coastal and marine resources. This includes reducing the pressure on threatened coral reef ecosystems by redirecting fishermen to open-water areas that would become more attractive with the deployment of FADs.

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,

Jenniffer González-Colón  
Member of Congress