

Letter to Governor Ron DeSantis in Support of Appropriation 19341

Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida, The Capitol
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Honorable Governor DeSantis:

I am writing to express my support for Appropriation **19341** for funds to be provided for the Gulf Shellfish Institute - Clams & Seagrass Restoration – Three estuaries SW Florida (HB 9161) (Senate Form 1510). I am respectfully requesting your support of this appropriation when you review and sign House Bill 5001.

(We encourage you to then provide an additional paragraph explaining why you support this effort.) Some topics for the rapid declines in seagrass & bivalve populations due to:

- Development, Pollution, Urban Runoff
- Storms & Hurricanes
- Harmful Algal Blooms Economic Consequences:
- Coastal Communities
- Commercial and Recreational Fisheries
- Florida Tourism Thriving seagrass meadows & healthy clam populations provide:
- Valuable Fisheries Habitat
- Water Filtration
- Nutrient Reduction
- Carbon Sequestration

Sincerely,

Signature

Your Name