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Ms. Lisa Colmenares, AICP  
Florida Department of Transportation  
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Dear Ms. Colmenares:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my support of the application being submitted by Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces for the SUN Trail Individual Trail grant, which will help fund Segment A Phase 2 of The Underline.

The Underline is a 10-mile linear trail that will connect communities across Miami-Dade County through safe alternative methods of transportation. Unfortunately, Miami-Dade County is ranked amongst the most dangerous cities to walk. By creating two straightened, widened pathways, one for pedestrians and one for bicyclists; and focusing on improved safety along the trail and intersections, The Underline will offer our residents with accessible and viable transportation.

With its multi-modal use and its connection to already existing trails, The Underline is of significant national and regional importance. In addition, this project will prove beneficial due to its transformative potential for community mobility, positive economic impact, and enhanced quality of life.

In accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, I ask that you give this application full and fair consideration. By connecting millions of Americans to work, schools, and other areas, The Underline will promote health and wellness while also offering economic and environmental benefits to our community.

Sincerely,

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
Member of Congress

cc: David Henderson, Bicycle Pedestrian Administrator, Miami-Dade, MPO