

# **EXHIBIT 1**

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**From:** [REDACTED] **Staffer**  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 12:15 PM EDT  
**To:** Daniels, Peyton  
**Subject:** FW: FIGGERS PROPOSAL  
**Attachments:** Freddie Figgers 4.18.22 CFP.pdf

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[REDACTED] **Staffer** [REDACTED]

Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick-FL 20  
2365 Rayburn House Office  
Office: (202) [REDACTED]  
Work cell: 202 [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] **Staffer**  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2022 10:01 AM  
**To:** Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick [REDACTED]; Sheila  
Cherfilus McCormick [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FIGGERS PROPOSAL

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[REDACTED] **Staffer** [REDACTED]

Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)  
2365 Rayburn HOB  
Work Cell: (202) [REDACTED]

# **EXHIBIT 2**

**Name**

Freddie Figgers

**Phone Number**

800 [REDACTED]

**Email**

Sarah\_bethlardie@[REDACTED]

**Proposed Recipient (must be a governmental or not-for-profit entity Appropriations Committee)**

Figgers Foundation

**Address of Recipient**

3810 Inverrary Blvd., Suite 401 Lauderhill FL 33319

**Appropriations Committee**

Labor-Health & Human Services-Education

**Agency/Account**

Administration for Community Living

**FY23 Requested Funding Amount**

\$5,000,000

**Community Project Name**

Healthcare Access for EveryBODY

**Description of use of funds and rationale for request**

Abstract: The Figgers Foundation is seeking funding to support the manufacture and distribution of 15,000 enhanced telehealth enabled tablet computers to low-income senior citizens, particularly senior veterans, and families of children with disabilities in Florida's 20th United States Congressional District. The tablets will be FQHC telehealth compatible and can be configured to an individual patient's personal physician or will link to a pool of available doctors within two minutes of a patients' request. Each tablet will have enhanced talk to text, inverted screens, audio controls to aid navigation, oversized buttons to allow for use by patients with limited eyesight and/or small-motor acuity, and durability to withstand dropping.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the disparities that exist in our national healthcare system, and it has created a seismic shift in the healthcare industry. Video-based telehealth has proven to be an effective way for clinicians to conduct visits. Unfortunately, those individuals with the lowest access to care and the highest risk often have the hardest time accessing technology for remote-care services.

Consider that a Pew Research study found that 38% of adults over age 65 have difficulties with telemedicine visits, or that 72% of individuals 85 and older lack the experience necessary to participate in video visits. Additionally, there are several reasons that seniors struggle with using technology. In most cases, it is because solutions are designed with younger patients in mind and these design elements

leave many seniors out in the cold. According to the New England Journal of Medicine, many clinicians report having trouble with patient connectivity, explaining check-in procedures to patients, and successfully conducting visits. Access to telehealth is important because this technology enables providers to see and hear their patients, assess their movements, even gain insights from their environment.

One of the other demographic groups least likely to be able to participate in telehealth visits are families of children with disabilities. The prohibitive cost of dedicated technology – particularly technology which is not covered by private health insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid - means that families who may benefit the most from being able to quickly access a physician from home via a telehealth appointment are forced to schedule an in-person visit or go to an Urgent Care clinic or hospital emergency unit.

Consider the fact that 49% of seniors and more than one-third of low-income homes headed by a person of any age lack at-home broadband access. That means telehealth is not an option for nearly half of the patients who might most benefit from it. In addition to the digital divide, seniors and people with disabilities also struggle with traditional smartphones and tablets for a few reasons, but the underlying issue is that such devices simply are not built with those users in mind. The screens aren't bright enough, the speakers aren't loud enough, and the touchscreen buttons aren't large enough for reduced eyesight or a lack of small-motor acuity. Patients of all ages are unlikely to participate in virtual visits if the technology is not easy to use. The tablets provided by The Figgers Foundation will address all these challenges – and the greatest of all – the cost.

**Does the program require a State or local funding match either by statute or according to longstanding policy? If so, please explain. (Note: While matching funds are not required to be in-hand prior to requesting a project funds, there must be a plan to meet such requirements for the project to be considered viable for Community Project Funding)**

No

**Please list any additional sources of funding for this project.**

None.

**Please list any other Members of Congress receiving this request.**

US Representative Al Lawson, FL-5th

**Please provide a breakdown of expenses that this funding will go towards.**

Description of Direct Project Expenses/Justification

12,500 Medical Telecommunications Equipment (tablet computers) equipped with cellular service access at a cost of \$275.00 per unit for a total of \$3,437,500.00. These tablet computers are easier for senior to use because of the larger size and ability to be adapted to diminishing small motor acuity. These tablets will feature enhanced talk to text capability and large format buttons for typing and touch screen options.

Necessary Telehealth and privacy software for 12,500 tablet computers at a cost of \$125.00 per unit for a total of \$1,562,500.00. Specially designed software that is compatible with all FQHC requirements, including Medicare. Software will allow access to patient medical records (history, vitals, labs, tPA, physician recommendation and consultation notes); real-time audio-visual for consults between physicians and families; and facilitates electronic medical record documentation.

**TOTAL DIRECT COSTS** \$5,000,000.00

### Description of Indirect Project Expenses/Justification

The cost of ongoing network service, network maintenance, warranty protection for the tablets, customer support, and cloud maintenance is \$32.00 for each device for a total of \$400,000.00 for the 12,500. This cost ensures that any broken equipment can be replaced quickly; software updates made promptly to ensure compliance with any changes in HIPAA or insurance regulation, and network connectivity maintained to allow for optimal service.

**TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS** \$400,000.00

TOTAL REQUESTED AMOUNT \$5,400,000.00

## **Importance of this project to FL-20**

According to the 2019 American Community Survey conducted by the US Census Bureau, 18.2% of the people over the age of 65 in FL-20 live in households with an annual income below the federal poverty level. These are the very individuals who are the least likely to be able to afford internet service or an up-to-date computer or mobile phone capable of being used with Telehealth services. Similarly, there are over 96,000 households who contain someone with a disability. These families are also among the least likely to have the financial resources to have reliable internet services or a Telehealth compatible computing device.

These two extremely vulnerable populations would benefit the most from reliable, in-home access to health care from a licensed physician but seldom have the tools to take advantage of the advancements in Telehealth. Instead, they either go untreated or utilize costly ambulance services and emergency department visits when their health needs become critical. The ability to be diagnosed and monitored via a Telehealth physician will reduce the cost of care, reduce overcrowding in emergency departments and urgent care facilities and - most importantly - save lives.

**Community Support** - Community engagement and support play a critical role in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. Only projects with demonstrated community support will be considered. Examples of demonstrable support include, but are not limited to: letters of support from elected community leaders, press articles highlighting the need for the requested project, support from newspaper editorial boards, projects listed in State use plans, community development plans, or other publicly available documents, or resolutions passed by city councils or community boards. Please provide links to websites with relevant supporting documents in the below answer. To submit copies of supporting documents (e.g., letters of support), please email [AppropriationsFL20@mail.house.gov](mailto:AppropriationsFL20@mail.house.gov) with a subject line reading "[CPF name] CPF Additional Supporting Documents" to be appropriately considered.

<https://figgersfoundation.org/community-partners/>

# **EXHIBIT 3**

Number of participants	3
Participants	<p>Staffer</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>scherfilus [REDACTED]</p>
Number of messages	32
First message sent date/time	March 28, 2022 10:47:58 AM
Last message sent date/time	March 28, 2022 6:56:23 PM

Staffer [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 10:47:58 AM

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scherfilus [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 11:13:43 AM

Not sure what you mean

Staffer

March 28, 2022 11:16:26 AM

In addition to community funding, members can submit funding requests to the appropriations committee for consideration on behalf of constituents.

This could be for a specific federal program or add language directing a federal agency to implement a program

In a specific way.

Staffer [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 11:18:53 AM

For example, FIU might want you to request \$5 million from the appropriations subcommittee on Education.

Staffer [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 11:19:28 AM

FYI: not all members submit these requests.

Staffer

**March 28, 2022 11:30:45 AM**

The database will open on April 4th

Staffer

**March 28, 2022 11:31:05 AM**

Each subcommittee has its own deadlines

Staffer

**March 28, 2022 11:54:13 AM**

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Staffer

**March 28, 2022 11:54:23 AM**

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Staffer

**March 28, 2022 1:15:08 PM**

Can I call you later?

Staffer

**March 28, 2022 1:15:16 PM**

I'm in a whip meeting

Staffer

**March 28, 2022 1:15:35 PM**

Call back as soon as we are done, unless it is urgent.

scherfilus

**March 28, 2022 1:15:39 PM**

Yes, I have some people calling you about their projects

scherfilus [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 2:07:43 PM

[REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 2:08:38 PM

Natlie [REDACTED] figgers [REDACTED]

Staffer

March 28, 2022 2:33:49 PM



The Associated Press @AP

BREAKING: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill forbidding instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in kindergarten through third grade.

The policy, which critics have called the “Don’t Say Gay” bill, has drawn intense national scrutiny.

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scherfilus [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 2:45:33 PM

VA



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

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scherfilus [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 2:45:33 PM

<https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5313>

scherfilus [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 2:45:33 PM

Freddie Figgers and Natlie



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scherfilus [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 2:46:19 PM



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scherfilus [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 2:46:19 PM

<https://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/tablet-based-telehealth-keeps-mental-health-services-online-during-pandemic>

scherfilus [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 2:47:15 PM

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/04/09/2020-07587/promoting-telehealth-for-low-income-consumers-covid-19-telehealth-program>



The logo consists of the words "Cornell" and "AAP" stacked vertically. "Cornell" is in a large, white, sans-serif font, and "AAP" is in a slightly smaller, white, sans-serif font directly below it. The text is centered on a solid black rectangular background.

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scherfilus [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 2:55:32 PM

# Cornell AAP

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scherfilus [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 2:55:32 PM

<https://aap.cornell.edu/student-work/urban-incubator>

scherfilus [REDACTED]

March 28, 2022 2:55:32 PM

Community project

scherfilus [REDACTED]

**March 28, 2022 2:56:58 PM**

<https://dmped.dc.gov/release/dc%E2%80%99s-first-inclusive-innovation-incubator-officially-opens>

Staffer [REDACTED]

**March 28, 2022 5:21:49 PM**

I've emailed your vote recommendations?

Staffer [REDACTED]

**March 28, 2022 6:00:59 PM**

See attachment: 3.28.22.docx



Congresswoman Cheri Bustos

**Please Cosponsor Bipartisan Resolution  
Honoring Journalists & News Staff in  
Ukraine**

- Putin's military invasion of Ukraine demonstrates a gross disrespect for human life and violates the principles of the Geneva Conventions.
- Brave journalists, reporters, and news teams from around the globe are on the ground fighting against Communist propaganda by providing the free world with accurate information. Dozens of members of the free press have been killed or seriously injured by Russian attacks in Ukraine, including several Americans.
- My resolution with Rep. Hinson (R-IA) honors the free press who have risked or sacrificed their lives to dispatch the truth and condemns Russian President Putin, Belarussian President Lukashenko, and their officials for authorizing and executing attacks on innocent civilians.

For more information, please contact  
[Leighton.Huch@RepBustos.house.gov](mailto:Leighton.Huch@RepBustos.house.gov) in Rep.  
Bustos's Office.

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# **EXHIBIT 4**

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Freddie >

Text Message

Mar 28, 2022 at 1:59 PM

**Hello Congresswoman  
McCormick, I wanted to make  
sure you had my vCard.  
Freddie**



Apr 8, 2022 at 11:29 AM

**Hello, I heard you are feeling a bit  
down. Please get some rest.  
Praying for you.**

Apr 8, 2022 at 8:28 PM

**Hey Freddie, thank you so much  
for checking on me. This [REDACTED]  
has had me sleeping all day. But  
hopefully I will be better soon. I  
hope my staff is taking care of  
you guys**

Apr 9, 2022 at 12:29 PM

**Get better. Your staff is great.**



Text Message



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# **EXHIBIT 5**

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**From:** LeBlanc, Nadege  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 3:05 PM EDT  
**To:** [REDACTED] Staffer  
**CC:** natalie [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: COMMUNITY PROJECT REQUESTS

I spoke with Mr. Figgers.

Nadege LeBlanc  
District Chief of Staff  
Office of Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, FL-20  
Cell: (202) [REDACTED]

On Mar 29, 2022, at 2:54 PM, [REDACTED] Staffer [REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon, Ms. Figgers,

It is my understanding that you spoke with Nadege this morning regarding our Community Project Funding. Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to continuous collaboration.

Highest regards,

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[REDACTED] Staffer [REDACTED]

Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick-FL 20  
Work cell: 202 [REDACTED]

# **EXHIBIT 6**

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**From:** [REDACTED] **Staffer**  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 1:39 PM EDT  
**To:** Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick; Sheila Cherfilus McCormick  
**Subject:** FW: FY23 APPROPRIATIONS- REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
**Importance:** High

Per your request, please see below.

Thank you

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[REDACTED] **Staffer** [REDACTED]  
Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick-FL 20  
2365 Rayburn House Office  
Office: (202) [REDACTED]  
Work cell: 202 [REDACTED]

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**From:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 1:35 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] **Staffer** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Sarah Beth Lardie [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FY23 APPROPRIATIONS- REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
**Importance:** High

[REDACTED] **Staffer** [REDACTED]

They are several key applications. I have them listed below.

The Telehealth suite allows telehealth sessions with and without mobile apps.

- **Quick & Easy Patient Registration** – Quick registration of all existing patients and easier self-registration for new patients.
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- **HIPAA Compliant Communication** – System enforces the data security measures and information saving protocols that protect patient data from being breached.
- **Data Security** – AES encryption is used, which is approved by the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) for top secret information.
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- **Virtual Pillbox and Refill Notifications** – System can maintain a “virtual pillbox,” that captures the shape and color of a patient’s prescription dosage. It can then remind the patients when it’s time for their medicine, and even notifies a family member when the patient has forgotten to take their medication.
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- **Voice Search** – Can be extended to allow Patients search by voice (instead of typing). Thus, greatly facilitating all patients who have trouble with the screen or typing.

If it is anything else, you need please let me know.

Sincerely,




**Freddie Figgers**  
Chief Executive Officer

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**From:** [REDACTED] Staffer

**Sent:** Sunday, April 24, 2022 8:07 PM

**To:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: FY23 APPROPRIATIONS- REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Could you please let us know the type of application that will be used on the device?

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[REDACTED] Staffer [REDACTED]

Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)

2365 Rayburn HOB

Work Cell: (202) [REDACTED]

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**From:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, April 24, 2022 6:19 PM

**To:** Sarah Beth Lardie [REDACTED] Staffer [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: FY23 APPROPRIATIONS- REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Importance:** High

[REDACTED] Staffer [REDACTED]

I hope all is well with you today. What questions do you have for us ?

*Freddie Fm*



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**From:** Sarah Beth Lardie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 23, 2022 7:07 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Staffer [REDACTED] Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: FY23 APPROPRIATIONS- REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Staffer**

We would be serving 12,500 residents of FL-20 and I have included Mr. Figgers on this response so he can speak directly to the telehealth capabilities. I am sorry to say that I am not the technology expert in the foundation.

Thank you for contacting me with your inquiries.

Warmest regards,

Sarah Beth Lardie

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Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

**From:** [REDACTED] Staffer  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 23, 2022 6:16:12 PM  
**To:** Sarah Beth Lardie [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FY23 APPROPRIATIONS- REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Good afternoon, Ms. Lardie,

Thank you for your submission. Could you please clarify how many constituents in FL-20 that the project intends to serve and the type of application that be used on the device?

Thank you

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[REDACTED] Staffer [REDACTED]

[Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick \(FL-20\)](#)  
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# **EXHIBIT 7**

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**From:** Freddie Figgers  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 3:15 PM EDT  
**To:** **Staffer**  
**CC:** Sarah Beth Lardie  
**Subject:** Re: FY23 APPROPRIATIONS- REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## **Staffer**

I forgot to include the specs about the tablet if it is needed.

Figgers Telehealth Tablet is a light weight, solid build, large screen device with Figgers Health mobile apps preloaded,

- **Preloaded with Health Apps:** Comes preloaded with the health apps, including Figgers Telehealth app suite, Health Chatbot, National Library of Medicine Learning resource access and Figgers Smart Glucometer app.
- **Large Screen Size & Stereo Speakers:** Large crystal-clear HD video display with multitouch ability and stereo speakers for high quality sound.
- **MedlinePlus Access:** Educate and learn by freely searching the US National Library of Medicine database about the healthcare related articles and educational material.
- **Chatbot with Radius Search:** Your medical talk companion, which allows to find the medical facilities near you, including pharmacies and clinics etc.
- **Precise Directions & Routes:** Build in compass allows to guide you to the nearest healthcare clinic or pharmacy etc.
- **Always Connected:** Multiple networking options supported, from using FIGGERS 5G network or local Wi-Fi to stay connected to the web
- **NSA Approved Security:** Health apps data security uses AES encryption, which is approved by the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) for top secret information.
- **HIPAA Compliant Communication:** Health apps enforce the data security measures and information sharing protocols that protect patient data from being breached.
- **Use Front & Back Camera:** High Megapixel front camera and multiple Back Cameras provide choices when making Telehealth calls.
- **Be Free, Do More:** Allows to install games and other software from the app stores. Watch YouTube movies, Netflix shows or your latest weather forecast.

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**Cc:** Sarah Beth Lardie  
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Well received.

Thank you

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Staffer [REDACTED]

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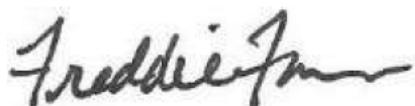
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**From:** [REDACTED] Staffer  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 24, 2022 8:07 PM  
**To:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FY23 APPROPRIATIONS- REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Could you please let us know the type of application that will be used on the device?

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[REDACTED] Staffer [REDACTED]

Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)  
2365 Rayburn HOB  
Work Cell: (202) [REDACTED]

**From:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 24, 2022 6:19 PM  
**To:** Sarah Beth Lardie [REDACTED] Staffer [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FY23 APPROPRIATIONS- REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
**Importance:** High

Hello Ms. Leblanc,

I hope all is well with you today. What questions do you have for us ?

*Freddie Fm*



Freddie Figgers  
Chief Executive Officer  
Figgers Communication Inc.  
Toll Free: 1-[REDACTED],  
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**From:** Sarah Beth Lardie [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, April 23, 2022 7:07 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] Staffer

Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: FY23 APPROPRIATIONS- REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hi [REDACTED] Staffer

We would be serving 12,500 residents of FL-20 and I have included Mr. Figgers on this response so he can speak directly to the telehealth capabilities. I am sorry to say that I am not the technology expert in the foundation.

Thank you for contacting me with your inquiries.

Warmest regards,

Sarah Beth Lardie

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**From:** [REDACTED] Staffer

**Sent:** Saturday, April 23, 2022 6:16:12 PM

**To:** Sarah Beth Lardie [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FY23 APPROPRIATIONS- REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Good afternoon, Ms. Lardie,

Thank you for your submission. Could you please clarify how many constituents in FL-20 that the project intends to serve and the type of application that be used on the device?

Thank you

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Staffer [REDACTED]

Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)  
2365 Rayburn HOB  
Work Cell: (202) [REDACTED]

# **EXHIBIT 8**

**From:** [REDACTED] Staffer  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 8:03 PM EDT  
**To:** Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick; Sheila Cherfilus McCormick  
**CC:** [REDACTED] Staffer [REDACTED] Staffer  
**Subject:** List of Submitted Community Funding Projects- FY23  
**Attachments:** LIST OF SUBMITTED CFP- FY23.docx  
**Importance:** High

	Name of Recipients	Description	Funding Request Amount
1	City of Tamarac	First-time Homebuyers Program	\$350,000
2	Helping Abused Neglected Disadvantaged Youth(HANDY)	Housing	\$250,000
3	City of Miramar	Public Safety and Mental Health Program	\$100,000
4	Florida Memorial	Florida Memorial University Entrepreneurship	1,500,000
5	Catholic Charities	Rental Assistance	\$3,860,461
6	Catholic Legal Services	Legal assistance	\$750,000,00
7	Salvation Army	Housing Expansion Project	\$3,000,000
8	Promise Fund	Breast Cancer and cervical Screening	\$894,100
9	Morse Life	Workforce Training Program	\$500,000
10	Compass	Housing for LGBTQ	523,345.00
11	Sojourner	Breast Cancer Screening for women of color	\$167,500
12	Broward Health	Mobile Clinic	\$3,000,000
13	Healthy Babies and Healthy Mothers	Doula	\$305,313
14	Figgers	Tablets for telemedicine	\$5,000,000
15	Hem4Water Inc. (Applicant failed to submit supporting documents by the designated deadline(April 28th). However, the application was submitted directly to the appropriate subcommittee for consideration on 4/29 after the submission of supporting documents.	HEMP water experiment	\$5,000,00

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[REDACTED] Staffer [REDACTED]

Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick-FL 20  
2365 Rayburn House Office  
Office: (202) [REDACTED]  
Work cell: 202 [REDACTED]

# **EXHIBIT 9**

Number of participants	3
Participants	Staffer [REDACTED] scherfilus [REDACTED]
Number of messages	16
First message sent date/time	June 23, 2022 2:07:40 AM
Last message sent date/time	June 23, 2022 9:18:07 PM

Staffer

June 23, 2022 2:07:40 AM

See attachment: *FIRST LADY BRIEFING\_2.docx*

Staffer

June 23, 2022 12:28:40 PM

I've asked Nikema Williams to serve as your proxy

Staffer

June 23, 2022 2:12:14 PM

See attachment: *FIRST LADY BRIEFING.docx*

Staffer

June 23, 2022 2:12:14 PM

This was provided to you

Staffer

June 23, 2022 2:37:26 PM

See attachment: *cancer speech.docx*

scherfilus [REDACTED]

June 23, 2022 4:29:24 PM

What did we fund promise fund for

Staffer [REDACTED]

June 23, 2022 4:30:46 PM

Breast cancer and cervical screening. Request: \$894K

Staffer [REDACTED]

June 23, 2022 7:22:10 PM

By the way, Catholic legal services did not get funded. The amount was reduced for some of projects but none the less included in the bill

scherfilus [REDACTED]

June 23, 2022 7:27:24 PM

Johana, why did you contact the White House when I asked you for talking points?

Staffer [REDACTED]

June 23, 2022 7:29:32 PM

Yes.

Staffer [REDACTED]

June 23, 2022 7:31:28 PM

I wanted to do my due diligence to make sure I did not drop the ball

scherfilus [REDACTED]

June 23, 2022 7:31:38 PM

Why would you contact them when I specifically asked you for something.

Staffer

June 23, 2022 8:00:22 PM

Figgers 5million dollar request was reduced to 2,200 million

Salvation Army's 3 million dollar request was reduced to \$750

Staffer

June 23, 2022 8:22:52 PM

Ted Lieu presiding over special order for you

Staffer

June 23, 2022 8:23:11 PM

Please give him a call to thank him.

Staffer

June 23, 2022 9:18:07 PM



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# **EXHIBIT 10**

**PROJECT NARRATIVE**  
**FIGGERS FOUNDATION, INC. 501C3**  
**PROJECT GUIDANCE NUMBER: HRSA-23-118**

**INTRODUCTION**

The need to begin providing tablets for telehealth has become increasingly evident in recent years, especially considering the healthcare needs of seniors and disabled children. Telehealth, or telemedicine, refers to delivering healthcare services remotely through telecommunication technologies such as video calls, messaging, and online platforms.

There are several reasons why providing tablets for telehealth is crucial in addressing the healthcare needs of seniors and disabled children:

**Accessibility:** Many seniors and disabled children face challenges accessing traditional healthcare services due to mobility issues, transportation constraints, or residing in remote areas. Healthcare providers can bridge this gap by providing tablets and bringing medical consultations directly to these individuals. Tablets are user-friendly devices that can be easily operated, making them suitable for people of different ages and abilities.

**Convenience and Comfort:** Seniors and disabled children often have complex medical conditions that require regular check-ups, medication management, and monitoring. Telehealth through tablets offers a convenient and comfortable solution by allowing them to receive healthcare services from the comfort of their homes. This eliminates the need for extensive travel, long waiting times, and potential exposure to infections in healthcare settings.

**Specialist Consultations:** Many seniors and disabled children require specialized medical care from experts who may be located far away. By utilizing tablets for telehealth, individuals can easily connect with healthcare specialists regardless of their geographic location. This allows for timely access to expert advice, reduces the need for traveling long distances, and enhances the overall quality of care received.

**Chronic Disease Management:** Seniors and disabled children often have chronic conditions that require ongoing management, including regular monitoring of vital signs, medication adherence, and lifestyle modifications. Tablets equipped with health monitoring applications can enable real-time tracking of health parameters, such as blood pressure, blood glucose levels, and heart rate, providing valuable data to healthcare providers for remote monitoring and timely intervention.

**Caregiver Support:** Tablets can also be a valuable tool for caregivers looking after seniors and disabled children. Caregivers can connect with healthcare professionals, receive guidance, and learn about caregiving techniques through telehealth sessions. Tablets can also facilitate sharing of medical records and other relevant information, streamlining communication between caregivers and healthcare providers.

Healthcare access to EveryBODY Tablets will use strategies to ensure the integration of all telehealth services into a service delivery model:

**Compatibility and Interoperability:** The tablets will be designed to be compatible with existing telehealth platforms and electronic health record (EHR) systems.

**Customization and Configuration:** Tablets will offer customization options to align with the specific needs of patients.

**Training and Support:** The tablets will provide comprehensive training and ongoing support to healthcare providers and patients.

**Regulatory Compliance:** The tablets will adhere to regulatory requirements, such as HIPAA compliance for data privacy and security.

**Continuous Improvement and Feedback:** Tablets will actively seek feedback from healthcare providers and users to identify areas for improvement. Ongoing enhancements to the tablets' functionality, usability, and integration capabilities, ensuring they align with the evolving needs of the service delivery model.

By combining grant funding, corporate sponsorship, and community donations, we can provide free access to telehealth services with our tablets. By leveraging the Board Chair's FCC license and worldwide 5G data access, all tablets can be accessible without relying on a sliding fee discount program. This program will offer 5,000 tablets to disabled children and seniors, with 5G data for a year. These tablets will have internet connectivity support, technical assistance, digital literacy training, evaluation mechanisms, and accessibility features. This approach ensures that individuals who lack access to digital devices can participate in telehealth services and receive the benefits of remote healthcare.

## WORK PLAN

**August 2023:** Launch the Healthcare for everyBODY tablet giveaway, and Applications are open. Individuals must meet specific income criteria and a need for telehealth services, and applications will be submitted online.

**October 2023:** The application period ends. All applications received by the deadline are considered for participation in the tablet giveaway program. They are provided with further instructions on how to claim their device if selected.

**November 2023:** Tablet distribution phase. Selected applicants are invited to distribution centers to collect their tablets. During this phase, recipients of the tablets are provided with training—commencement of telehealth services.

**December 2023 - December 2024:** Tablet users will receive ongoing technical support to address any issues they may encounter and 5G Data for the year.

The Figgers Foundation is committed to ensuring all patients have reasonable access to telehealth tablets tailored to their needs. The foundation will conduct a needs assessment to identify patients who would benefit the most from the tablets. Factors such as geographical location, income level, access to healthcare facilities, and existing health conditions will be considered.

The foundation will develop a targeted distribution plan to ensure telehealth tablets reach the identified patient populations. Collaborations with healthcare providers and community organizations will help to facilitate the distribution process, ensuring tablets are delivered to vulnerable populations.

Through these comprehensive measures, the Figgers Foundation aims to create an inclusive and accessible telehealth ecosystem, enabling all patients, regardless of their circumstances, to benefit from the convenience and effectiveness of telehealth services.

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# **EXHIBIT 11**

**Budget Narrative**  
**Figgers Foundation, Inc. 501c3**  
**Project Guidance Number: HRSA-23-118**

The proposed budget for this project includes various components aimed at improving healthcare accessibility through the implementation of telehealth services. The total budget requested amounts to \$2,204,000, with the allocation of funds as follows:

**Telehealth Tablets - \$875,000:** A significant portion of the budget, amounting to \$875,000, is allocated towards acquiring 5,000 telehealth tablets. These tablets will be distributed to healthcare providers and facilities in underserved areas, enabling remote consultations and medical services for patients facing geographical or mobility barriers. The tablets are durable and user friendly for all patients. The tablets will be equipped with the necessary software and communication tools to facilitate secure and reliable telehealth interactions.

**5G Data Service - \$1,250,000:** To ensure seamless connectivity and high-speed internet access for the telehealth tablets, an allocation of \$1,250,000 is dedicated to 5G data services for a year. This investment will enable healthcare professionals to conduct video consultations, transmit medical data, and access vital health information efficiently and without interruption. The 5G infrastructure will enhance the telehealth experience by providing reliable and fast internet connectivity to remote areas.

**Salaries - \$70,750:** A portion of the budget, totaling \$70,750, is allocated to cover personnel costs. This includes salaries for project managers, and support staff responsible for overseeing the telehealth program's implementation, training, and maintenance. Adequate staffing is crucial to ensure the initiative's smooth operation and provide ongoing technical support and assistance to healthcare providers and patients.

**Supplies - \$4,250:** An allocation of \$4,250 is dedicated to various supplies required to implement and promote the telehealth program successfully. These supplies include website updates to enhance the user interface and accessibility, developing an efficient registration form to streamline the patient onboarding process, producing flyers to raise awareness about telehealth services, and creating digital content for promotional purposes.

By allocating the budget as outlined above, we aim to create a comprehensive and sustainable telehealth program that addresses the needs of underserved communities. The acquisition of telehealth tablets, investment in 5G data services, and allocation for salaries and supplies will contribute to the initiative's success, ensuring equitable access to quality healthcare services for all individuals, regardless of their geographical location or mobility constraints.

# **EXHIBIT 12**



Congressman Sheila-Cherfilus McCor... >

avail.

Thank you

I am just getting to the town hall at kings point. I will call you right after

Apr 26, 2022 at 8:30 AM

Let's submit:

- Handy
- Figgers
- Broward Health

Noted

Health Mothers Health Babies

Apr 26, 2022 at 2:52 PM

Please make sure that they did not ask any of the training questions

All the questions are yours.  
There were no duplicates



Text Message



# **EXHIBIT 13**

## Dashboard — Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick

[+ Create Form](#)

Overview  
Contribution Forms  
Brandings

**TOOLS**

Contributions Search  
Reporting  
Downloads  
Report Builder  
Refunds  
User Activity Audit  
Integrations

**INSIGHTS**

Donor Segments  
Recurring  
Tandem Fundraising

### Freddie Figgers

**\$6,600.00**

26 May, 2023 at 02:27 PM

**Billing Address**

3810 Inverrary Blvd Suite: 401  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33319

**Contact Info**

Freddie [REDACTED]  
800 [REDACTED]

**Occupation / Employer**

Inventor  
Figgers

**Payment Info:**

VISA [REDACTED]

**Contribution Info:**

Order Number: AB258210988

**Page:**

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Refund date: 2023-07-13

Disbursed on: 2023-05-28

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# **EXHIBIT 14**

From: ActBlue Support [REDACTED]

**Date:** Thu, Jul 13, 2023 at 10:05 AM  
**Subject:** [ActBlue] Re: Fwd: Sheila Cherfilus McCormick Refund  
**To:** Sara Wienhold [REDACTED]

Your request (5194512) has been updated. To add additional comments, reply to this email.

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Sophie (ActBlue)

Jul 13, 2023, 10:05 AM EDT

Hi Sara,

Thanks for reaching out!

The requested refund has been issued, and the donor should see the funds post back to their account in 1-2 business days.

Please feel free to reach out if there's anything else I can do to help!

Best,

Sophie

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Sara Wienhold

Jul 13, 2023, 9:58 AM EDT

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Hello!

Please issue a refund for contribution [AB258210988](#) - the donor is over their limit. I understand this will put our account in the negative for a bit.

Thanks!

Sara Wienhold  
Director of Compliance, Angerholzer Broz Consulting

609 [REDACTED] | Sara [REDACTED]  
[499 South Capitol St, SW, Suite 420](#)  
[Washington, DC 20003](#)

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# **EXHIBIT 15**

## Dashboard — Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick

[+ Create Form](#)

- Overview
- Contribution Forms
- Brandings
- TOOLS**
  - Contributions Search
  - Reporting
  - Downloads
  - Report Builder
  - Refunds
  - User Activity Audit
  - Integrations
- INSIGHTS**
  - Donor Segments
  - Recurring
  - Tandem Fundraising

### Betty Figgers

**\$6,600.00**

19 September, 2023 at 10:51 AM

**Billing Address**

Quincy, FL 32351

**Contact Info**

bettyfiggers [REDACTED]

**Payment Info:**

Discover [REDACTED]

**Contribution Info:**

Order Number: AB264928541

**Page:**[Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick For Congress](#)

Disbursed on: 2023-09-24

This contribution has already been disbursed. Please contact us at [support@actblue.com](mailto:support@actblue.com) or 617-517-7600 if it needs to be refunded.

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# **EXHIBIT 16**

&lt; 1300

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Natlie &gt;

Text Message  
Mar 30, 2021, 7:43 AM

Good morning Natlie, how are you?  
It's been so long since we spoke. I  
hope everything is going well.

Apr 6, 2021, 9:58 AM

Hi Natlie, Alcee Hastings died this  
morning.

Good morning, well we know what  
that means. Please let me know when  
is the next meeting so I can add it on  
my calendar. My office has been  
swamped so I want to make sure I'm  
able to attend.

We are having one today at 2:30pm  
and then we will set our calendar.  
What times are good for you

I'm traveling until Sunday. Send me  
the notes. I will start looking for  
supporters to endorse you.

Apr 9, 2021, 10:04 AM

Natlie are you available for a meet  
Monday at 4pm

Apr 17, 2021, 9:21 AM

Hi Natlie, hope all is well.



Text Message



# **EXHIBIT 17**

5:17

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1300

NF

Natlie

Apr 17, 2021, 9:21 AM

Hi Natlie, hope all is well.

Would you and Freddie be available  
for a meeting Wednesday or Thursday  
afternoon?

Apr 17, 2021, 5:50 PM

Good afternoon. Hi Sheila. All is well. I  
hope all is well with you also.  
Unfortunately, Freddie and I are  
traveling for the next 8 weeks. 😞  
Once we get settled, I'll let you know.

How exciting!! Me and my husband  
have been traveling around the state  
for setting up these Vaccination Sites.  
Just when we started planning our  
annual vaccination to Martha's  
Vineyard a special election is coming  
smh lol

I told him I am not missing Bison on  
the vineyard this year no matter what  
lol

Could we schedule a zoom?

Sep 24, 2021, 7:52 PM

Can I call you later?

Yes.

Sep 24, 2021, 9:54 AM



Text Message



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# **EXHIBIT 18**

5:17

5G

1300

NF

Natlie >

Sep 24, 2021, 7:52 PM

Can I call you later?

Yes.

Nov 2, 2021, 9:54 AM

Good morning

Today is your day. Claim it and it shall happen. You got this

Thank you so much!

You're welcome 

Nov 7, 2021, 8:09 PM

Congratulations!!!! Again, Claim It and it shall happen.

Jan 10, 2022, 7:03 PM

Hi Natlie, I have meetings until 8:30. Can I call you afterwards?

Mar 24, 2022, 5:24 PM

Natlie

Apr 1, 2022, 11:14 PM

Hi Sheila. Are you free tomorrow? I have a rally/press conference for a client of mine who has been



Text Message



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# **EXHIBIT 19**

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**From:** LeBlanc, Nadege  
**Sent:** Friday, February 3, 2023 12:05 PM EST  
**To:** Pierre, Shauna  
**Subject:** FW: Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick Official Messaging Services  
**Attachments:** Sheila Messaging Service Option 1.pdf, Sheila Messaging Service Option 2.pdf

Forwarding this proposal for your review. I do not know what our current budget is for SMS but this price can be negotiated.

Best Regards,



Nadege LeBlanc  
District Chief of Staff  
Office of Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, FL-20  
Cell: (202) [REDACTED]

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**From:** Nadege LeBlanc [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Friday, February 3, 2023 at 12:03 PM  
**To:** LeBlanc, Nadege [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick Official Messaging Services

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 3, 2023 at 9:47:23 AM EST  
**To:** nadege\_leblanc [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick Official Messaging Services

Good Morning Ms. LeBlanc,

I hope all is well with you. Attached are the official messaging campaign proposal. I can have printed in a book and delivered to your office if need be.

[CEO Signature]  
[CEO]

Freddie Figgers  
Chief Executive Officer  
Figgers Communication Inc.

Toll Free:

1-[REDACTED],

Fax: 1-800-[REDACTED]

Freddie [REDACTED]  
3810 Inverrary Blvd, Suite: 401  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33319

Figgers.com [REDACTED]

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# **EXHIBIT 20**



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The most effective way to connect with your constituents

# MULTIMEDIA BLAST SERVICE

**98%**

OPEN RATE OF  
TEXT MESSAGES

**REACH  
THOUSANDS**

**SIMULTANEOUSLY**



#### REACH TRANSIENT POPULATION

Nearly everyone carries a phone making text messaging an effective way to reach people on the go.



#### PROMOTE COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Boost awareness and participation in community events with text message invitations and reminders.



#### REPORT ISSUES VIA TEXT

Use keywords to allow residents to report issues via text message.



#### CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Texting is a great way to solicit volunteering participation.



#### SEND STATUS UPDATES

Streamline operations and improve citizen support with text updates.



IMPROVE ENGAGEMENT  
RATES BY AS MUCH AS 250%

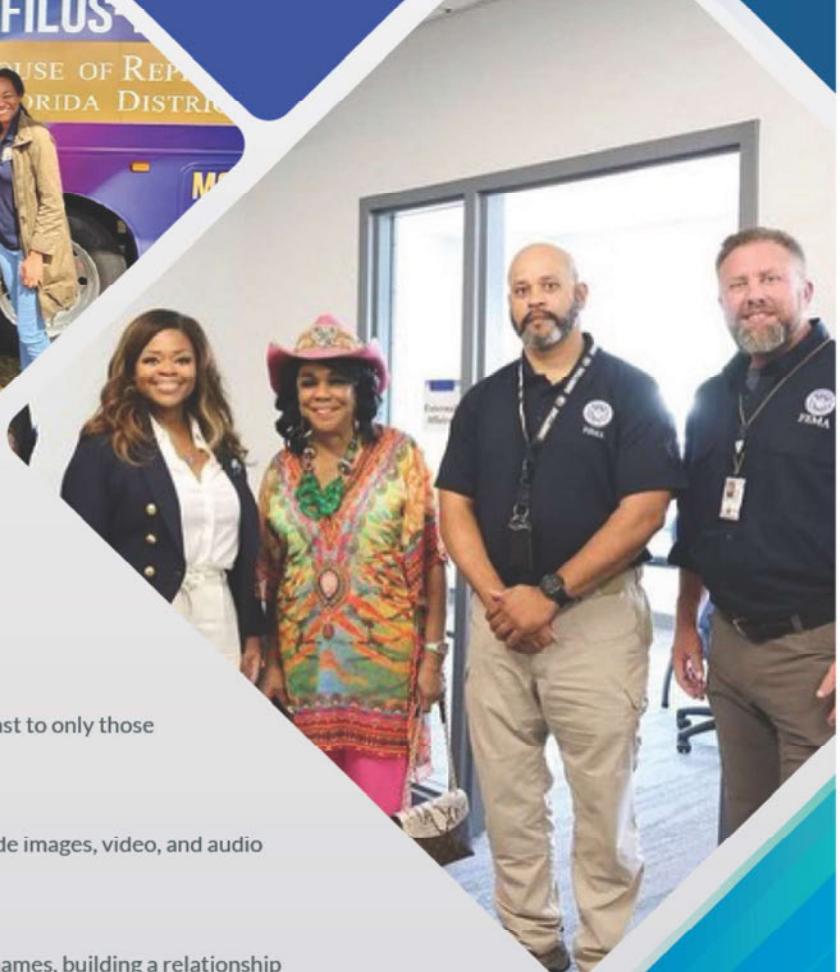


**UNLIMITED MMS  
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\$5,000/MONTH**

**316  
MILLION**

UNITED STATES MOBILE  
USERS IN 2024

## **YOUR VIRTUAL BULLETIN BOARD**



### **CONTACT SEGMENTATION:**

Divide your list of contacts into groups and send MMS blast to only those to whom it is relevant.

### **RICH MEDIA MESSAGE:**

Replace plain text messages with multimedia MMS. Include images, video, and audio to increase the impact of your messages.

### **PERSONALIZATION:**

Send constituents messages addressed to them by their names, building a relationship directly with the recipient.

### **TRACK, ANALYZE & REPORT:**

Use embedded links and tiny URL to monitor and measure your campaigns to perfect your message going out. Easily shorten text links and track how often they are clicked.

### **SCHEDULING & AUTOMATION:**

Schedule campaigns to deploy at a specific date and time, to targeted audience. Stay top by automated follow up campaigns and recurring text messages.



1 IN 3 CHECK THEIR TEXT  
WITHIN ONE MINUTE

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**SCM\_OCE000894**



## UNITED STATES TEXTING STATISTICS

- 81% of Americans text regularly (about 200 million people). (Pew Research Center)
- Over 6 billion texts are sent every day. (CTIA)
- Over 180 billion texts are sent every month. (CTIA)
- 2.27 trillion texts are sent every year. (CTIA)
- 97% of Americans text at least once a day. (Pew Research Center)



# **EXHIBIT 21**



YOUR APPROVED MESSAGE  
TO YOUR TARGET AUDIENCE

Unlimited Campaigns Each Month



The most effective way to connect  
with your constituents

24x7 Support  
[Figgers.com](http://Figgers.com)



## Your Virtual **BULLETIN BOARD**

While low-income families may have unreliable or sporadic access to computers, statistics show that up to 96% of low-income families have cell phones and 81% have unlimited text plans. Texting can also introduce your constituents to the breadth of departments, information, and services you are making possible.

Easily target specific groups of audience with content that's personalized to them, leading to increased engagement and recognition.





## Unlimited MMS \$5,000/month

**Reach Transient Population :** Nearly everyone carries a phone making text messaging an effective way to reach people on the go.

**Promote Community Events:** Boost awareness and participation in community events with text message invitations and reminders.

**Civic Engagement:** Texting is a great way to solicit volunteering participation.

**Send Status Updates on Permits & Applications:** Streamline operations and improve citizen support with text updates.



## Multimedia Message **BLAST SERVICE**

[Send to Large Group Simultaneously](#)

**Contact Segmentation:** Divide your list of contacts into groups and send MMS blast to only those to whom it is relevant.

**Rich Media Message:** Replace plain text messages with multimedia MMS. Include images, video, and audio to increase the impact of your messages.

**Personalization:** Send constituents messages addressed to them by their names, building a relationship directly with the recipient.

**Track, Analyze & Report:** Use embedded links and tiny URL to monitor and measure your campaigns to perfect your message going out. Easily shorten text links and track how often they are clicked.

## **EXHIBIT 22**

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**From:** Pierre, Shauna  
**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 9:36 PM EDT  
**To:** **Staffer**  
**CC:** LeBlanc, Nadege  
**Subject:** April 2023 Multimedia Messaging Service - Invoice  
**Attachments:** Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus McCormick Report April 2023 for billing.pdf, 28-74255-8.pdf

**Staffer**

Please see attached invoice for April 2023 Multimedia Messaging Service.



**Shauna Pierre** | Communications Director

Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)

Cell: (202) [REDACTED] | Office: (202) [REDACTED]

74255-8

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

**HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS  
STANDARDS COMMISSION**

**1541A LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-8230**

**STAFF ADVISORY OPINION**

Office Of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick 242 CHOB	Staff Contact: Shauna Pierre	Record Number: 74255-8
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Date of Initial Review: 4/13/2023	Date Issued 4/14/2023
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**Description of Request:**  
Request for a staff advisory opinion on the frankability of material submitted as described below (copy attached).

Format of material: Text/SMS	Means of distribution: Not Applicable;
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**Description of material:**  
Text/SMS - (State of Emergency) Flood Relief Resources for Broward County

**Advisory:**  
Material submitted was deemed Frankable under provisions of:  
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Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)  
Invoice & Report for April, 2023



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**SHEILA**  
CHERFILUS MCCORMICK



## April 14, 2023 Campaign

### Message Image



Our top priority is your safety and well-being. My team is here to provide assistance during this challenging time. We have compiled a resource page with a full list of federal, state, and local resources. If we can be of any further support, please call us directly at (954) [REDACTED]



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### Message Text

Hi, It's Congresswoman Sheila. The last few days of flooding impacted many of our neighbors across the district.

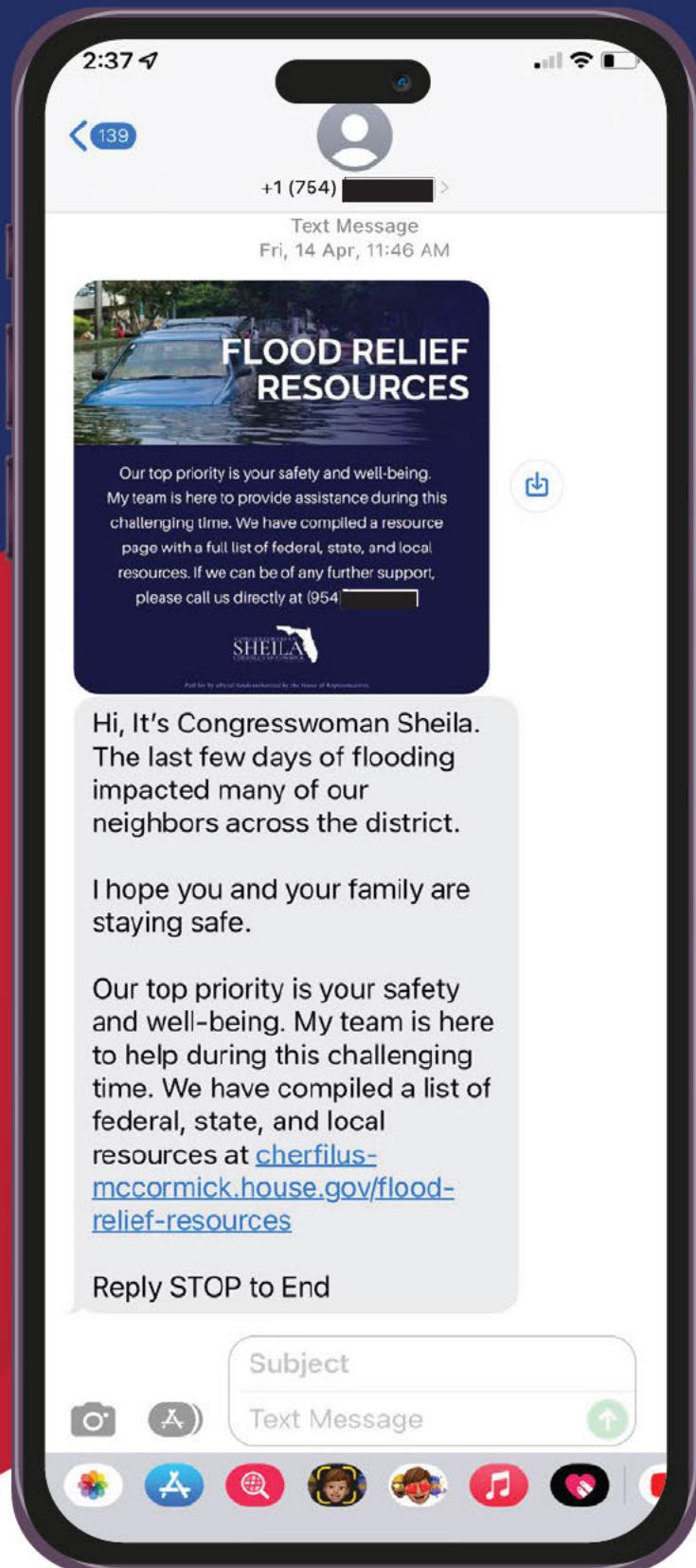
I hope you and your family are staying safe.

Our top priority is your safety and well-being. My team is here to help during this challenging time. We have compiled a list of federal, state, and local resources at [cherfilus-mccormick.house.gov/flood-relief-resources](http://cherfilus-mccormick.house.gov/flood-relief-resources)

Reply STOP to End

## April 14, 2023 Campaign

### Screen Capture as Message Delivery Proof

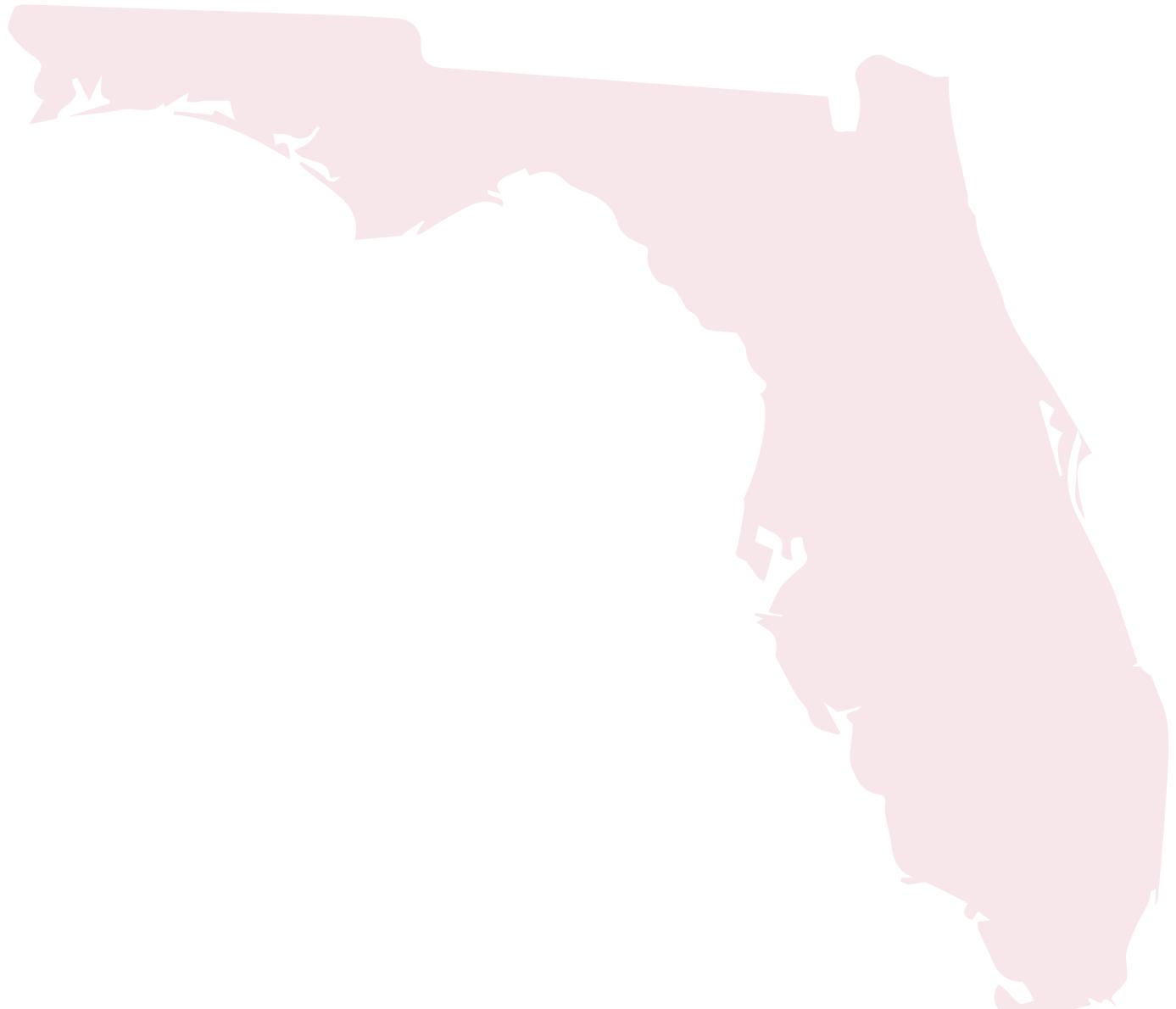
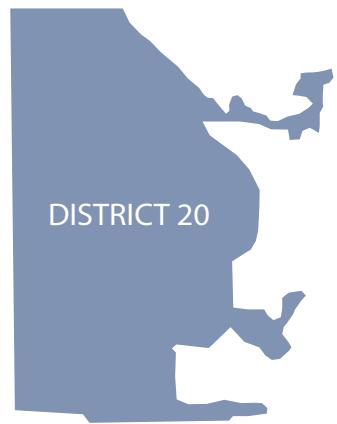


# Summary Report for April, 2023

April 14, 2023 Messages

Total Messages Out= **121,549**

Total Replies= **1553**





# INVOICE

## Figgers Technologies

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Suite: 401  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33319  
Freddie [REDACTED]  
Figgersinc.com  
800 [REDACTED]

**INVOICE #** 11061  
**DATE** 4/25/2023  
**Due Date:** May 2, 2023

TO

The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
242 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515-0920  
Phone: (202) [REDACTED]

Description	Amount
Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)	\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

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**From:** Pierre, Shauna  
**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 9:36 PM EDT  
**To:** **Staffer**  
**CC:** LeBlanc, Nadege  
**Subject:** February 2023 Multimedia Messaging Service - Invoice  
**Attachments:** Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus McCormick Report February 2023 for billing.pdf, 27-33374-10.pdf

**Staffer**

Please see attached invoice for February 2023 Multimedia Messaging Service.



**Shauna Pierre** | Communications Director

Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)

Cell: (202) [REDACTED] | Office: (202) [REDACTED]

33374-10

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

COMMISSION ON  
CONGRESSIONAL MAILING STANDARDS  
1216 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6230

**STAFF ADVISORY OPINION**

Office Of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick RHOB	Staff Contact: Shauna Pierre	Record Number: 33374-10
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Date of Initial Review:  
3/10/2022

Date Issued

Description of Request:  
Request for a staff advisory opinion on the frankability of material submitted as described below (copy attached).

Format of material:  
Text/SMS

Means of distribution:  
Not Applicable;

Description of material:  
Text/SMS - Immigration Clinic SMS

Advisory:  
Material submitted was deemed Frankable under provisions of:



Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)

Invoice & Report for February, 2023



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**SHEILA**  
CHERFILUS MCCORMICK



# Target Audience

## Congressional District 20

### Summary Report for February, 2023

February 11, 2023 Messages

Total Messages Out= 240,309

Total Replies= 946

February 20, 2023 Messages

Total Messages Out= 130,020

Total Replies= 124

February 11, 2023 Campaign

Message Image



YOUR CONGRESSWOMAN  
**SHEILA**  
CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK

ON SITE IMMIGRATION LAWYERS & CONGRESSIONAL CASEWORKERS

**IMMIGRATION CLINIC & MOBILE OFFICE**

**Saturday, February 11, 2023 | 10am - 2pm**

**Lauderdale Lakes Multipurpose Center**

4340 NW 36th Street  
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319

For more information please call (954) [REDACTED]

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Message Text

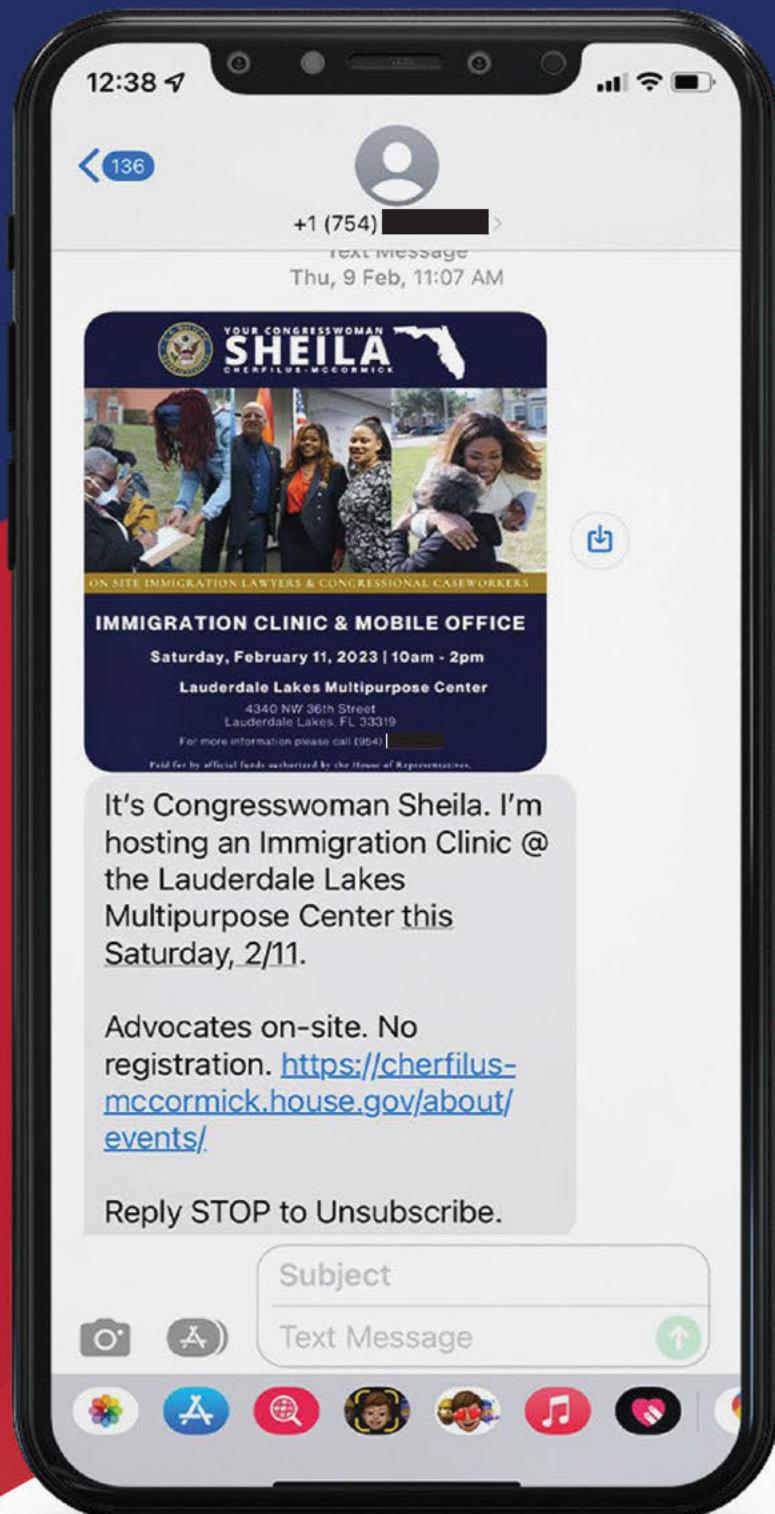
It's Congresswoman Sheila. I'm hosting an Immigration Clinic @ the Lauderdale Lakes Multipurpose Center this Saturday, 2/11.

Advocates on-site. No registration. <https://cherfilus-mccormick.house.gov/about/events/>

Reply STOP to Unsubscribe.

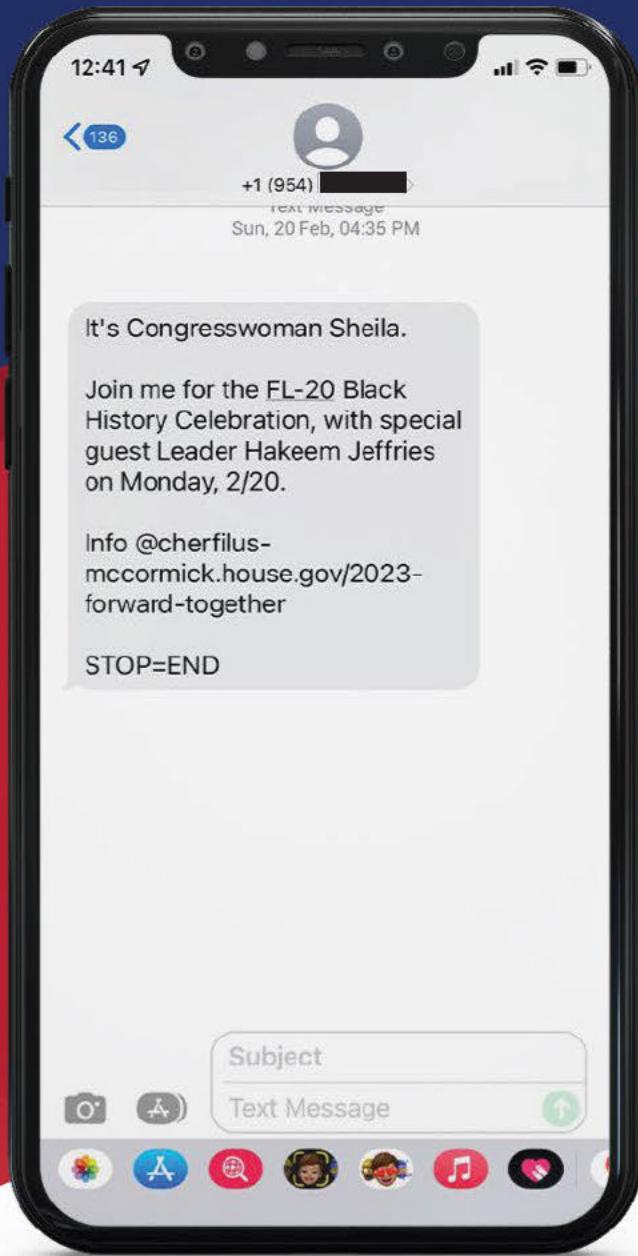
## February 11, 2023 Campaign

Screen Capture as  
Message Delivery Proof



## February 20, 2023 Campaign

### Screen Capture as Message Delivery Proof



### Message Text

It's Congresswoman Sheila.

Join me for the FL-20 Black History Celebration, with special guest Leader Hakeem Jeffries on Monday, 2/20.

Info @cherfilus-mccormick.house.gov/2023-forward-together

STOP=END



# INVOICE

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**INVOICE #** 9061  
**DATE** 2/17/2023

**Due Date:** March 1, 2023

TO

The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
242 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515-0920  
Phone: (202) [REDACTED]

Description	Amount
Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)	\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

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**From:** Pierre, Shauna  
**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 9:37 PM EDT  
**To:** **Staffer**  
**CC:** LeBlanc, Nadege  
**Subject:** June 2023 Multimedia Messaging Service - Invoice  
**Attachments:** Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus McCormick Report June 2023 for billing.pdf, 28-74255-21.pdf

**Staffer**

Please see attached invoice for June 2023 Multimedia Messaging Service.



**Shauna Pierre** | Communications Director  
Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)  
Cell: (202) [REDACTED] | Office: (202) [REDACTED]

74255-21

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

**HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS  
STANDARDS COMMISSION**

**1541A LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-8230**

**STAFF ADVISORY OPINION**

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Office Of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick 242 CHOB	Staff Contact: Jonathan Levin	Record Number: 74255-21
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Date of Initial Review: 5/22/2023	Date Issued 6/1/2023
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**Description of Request:**  
Request for a staff advisory opinion on the frankability of material submitted as described below (copy attached).

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Format of material: Text/SMS	Means of distribution: Not Applicable;
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**Description of material:**  
Text/SMS - Health Fair 5/22/23 SMS

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**Advisory:**  
Material submitted was deemed Frankable under provisions of:  
3210(a)(3)(A)

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Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)

Invoice & Report for June, 2023



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June 6 & 9, 2023 Campaign

Message Image



Message Text

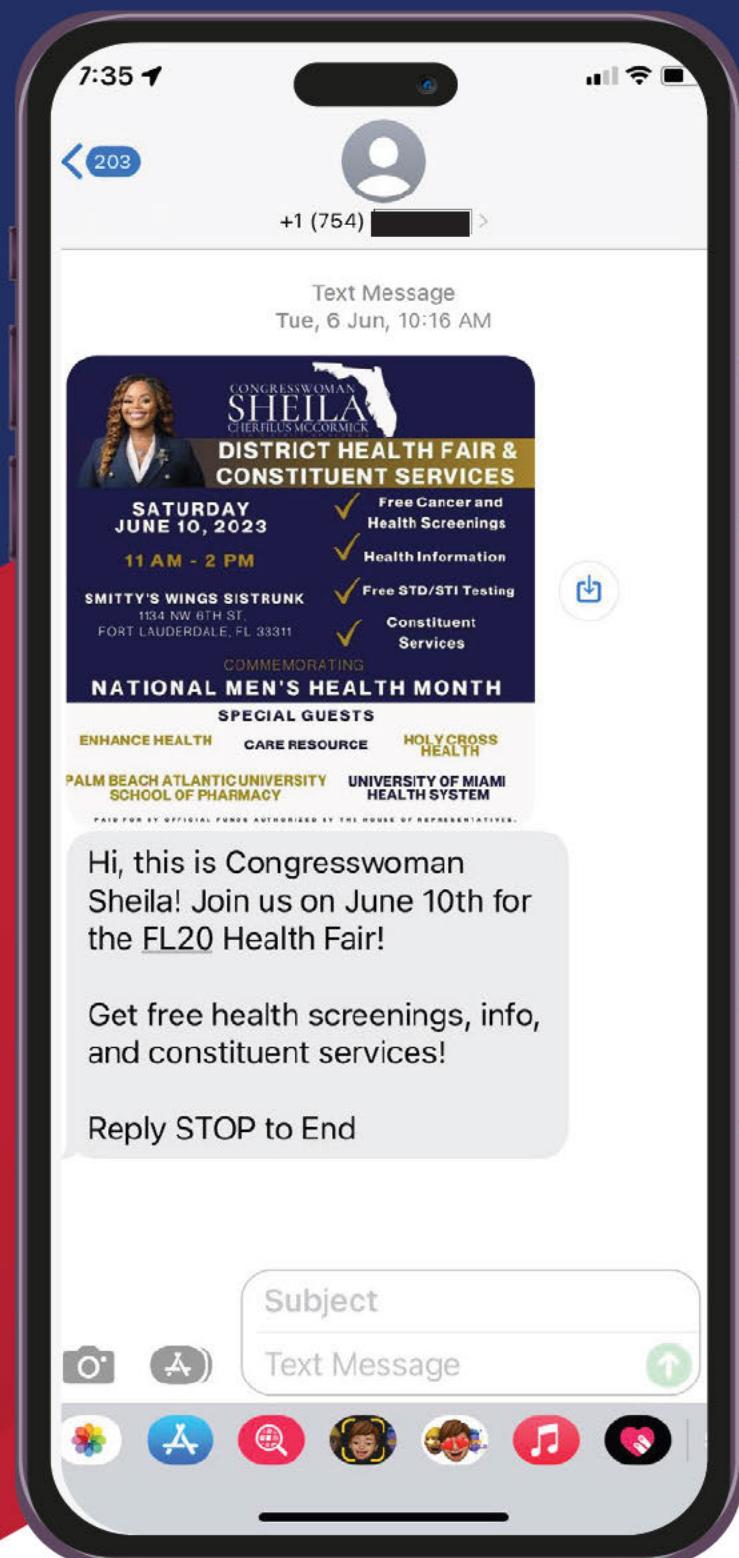
Hi, this is Congresswoman Sheila! Join us on June 10th for the FL20 Health Fair!

Get free health screenings, info, and constituent services!

Reply STOP to End

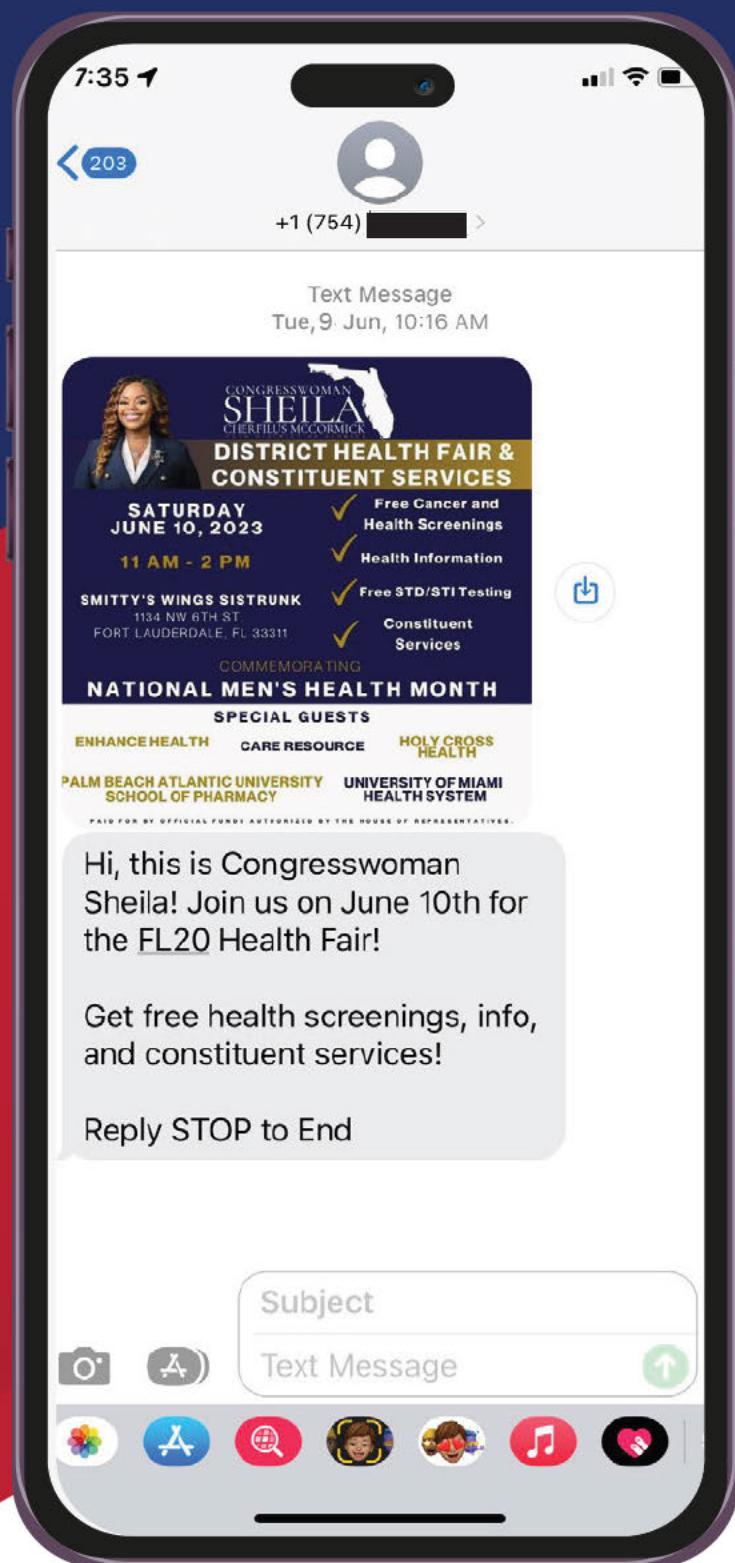
# June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Campaign

## Screen Capture as Message Delivery Proof



## June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Campaign

### Screen Capture as Message Delivery Proof





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## INVOICE

**INVOICE #** 13061

**DATE** 5/26/2023

**Due Date:** July 6, 2023

TO

The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
242 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515-0920  
Phone: (202) [REDACTED]

Description	Amount
Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)	\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

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**From:** Pierre, Shauna  
**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 9:36 PM EDT  
**To:** **Staffer**  
**CC:** LeBlanc, Nadege  
**Subject:** March 2023 Multimedia Messaging Service - Invoice  
**Attachments:** Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus McCormick Report March 2023 for billing.pdf, 28-74255-6.pdf

**Staffer**

Please see attached invoice for March 2023 Multimedia Messaging Service.



**Shauna Pierre** | Communications Director

Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)

Cell: (202) [REDACTED] | Office: (202) [REDACTED]

74255-6

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

**HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS  
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**1541A LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-8230**

**STAFF ADVISORY OPINION**

Office Of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick 242 CHOB	Staff Contact: Shauna Pierre	Record Number: 74255-6
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Date of Initial Review: 3/6/2023	Date Issued 3/6/2023
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**Description of Request:**  
Request for a staff advisory opinion on the frankability of material submitted as described below (copy attached).

Format of material: Text/SMS	Means of distribution: Not Applicable;
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**Description of material:**  
Text/SMS - Tele Town Hall SMS - Federal Student Aid

**Advisory:**  
Material submitted was deemed Frankable under provisions of:  
3210(a)(3)(A)



Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)

Invoice & Report for March, 2023



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CHERFILUS MCCORMICK



# Target Audience

## Congressional District 20

### Summary Report for March, 2023

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Messages

Total Messages Out= **215,426**

Total Replies= **372**

## Message Image

### FEDERAL STUDENT AID



Join us for this week's FL-20 Virtual Town Hall on Higher Education and College Affordability with special guests from Federal Student Aid.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023 | 6:00PM EST



REGISTER FOR ACCESS AT  
[CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK.HOUSE.GOV/LIVE](http://cherfilus-mccormick.house.gov/live)



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## Message Text

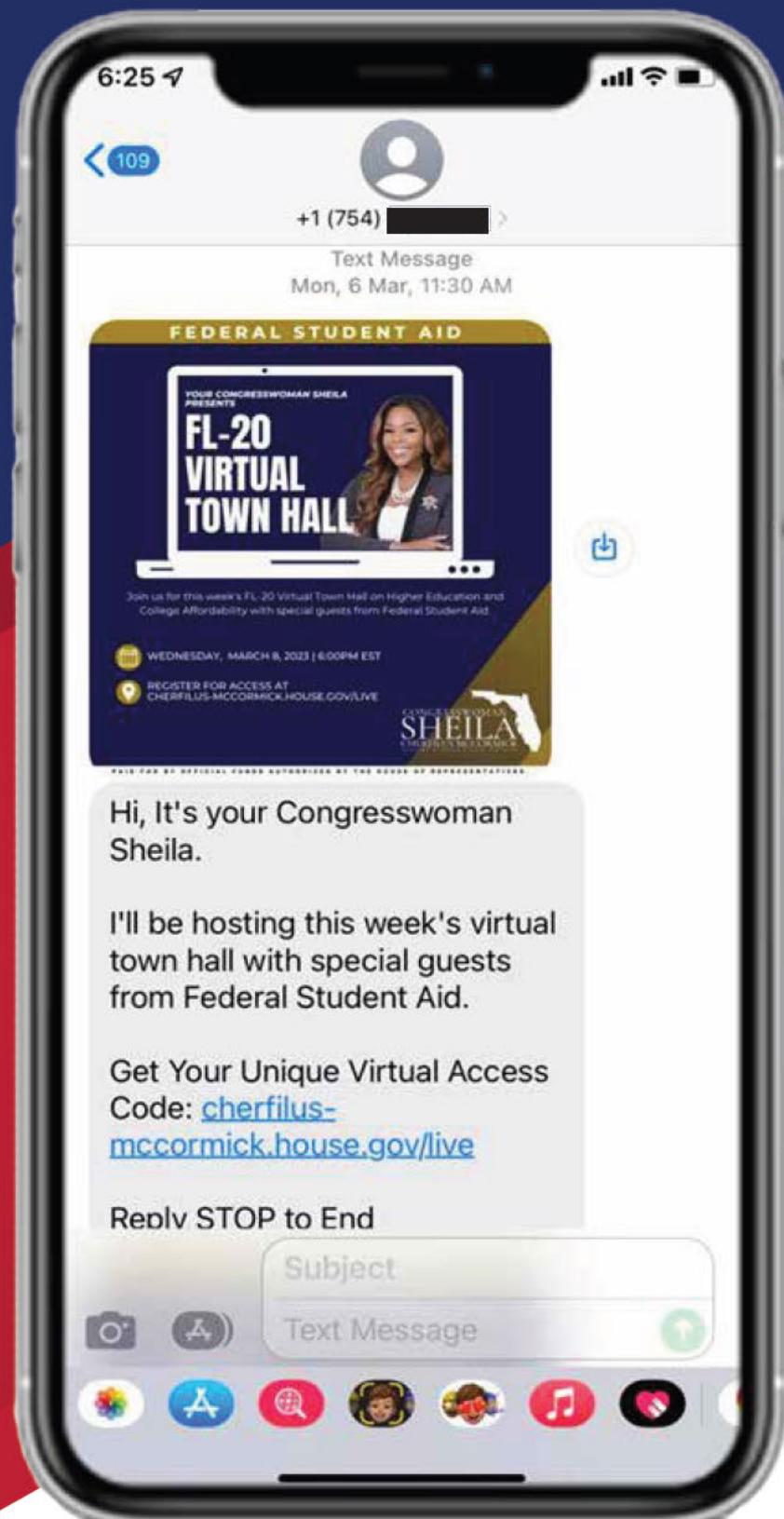
Hi, It's your Congresswoman Sheila.

I'll be hosting this week's virtual town hall with special guests from Federal Student Aid.

Get Your Unique Virtual Access Code: [cherfilus-mccormick.house.gov/live](http://cherfilus-mccormick.house.gov/live)

Reply STOP to End

## Screen Capture as Message Delivery Proof





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800 [REDACTED]

**INVOICE #:** 10061  
**DATE:** 3/24/2023  
**DUE DATE:** April 3, 2023

TO

The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
242 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515-0920  
Phone: (202) [REDACTED]

Description	Amount
Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)	\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

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**From:** Pierre, Shauna  
**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 9:37 PM EDT  
**To:** **Staffer**  
**CC:** LeBlanc, Nadege  
**Subject:** May 2023 Multimedia Messaging Service - Invoice  
**Attachments:** Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus McCormick Report May 2023 for billing.pdf, 28-74255-23.pdf

**Staffer,**

Please see attached invoice for May 2023 Multimedia Messaging Service.



**Shauna Pierre** | Communications Director  
Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)  
Cell: (202) [REDACTED] | Office: (202) [REDACTED]

74255-23

**Congress of the United States**  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20515-8230**

**STAFF ADVISORY OPINION**

Office Of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick 242 CHOB	Staff Contact: Jonathan Levin	Record Number: 74255-23
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Date of Initial Review: 6/23/2023	Date Issued 6/23/2023
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**Description of Request:**  
Request for a staff advisory opinion on the frankability of material submitted as described below (copy attached).

Format of material: Text/SMS	Means of distribution: Not Applicable;
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**Description of material:**  
Text/SMS - FEMA Deadline Reminder / 6/23/23 / Text

**Advisory:**  
Material submitted was deemed Frankable under provisions of:  
3210(a)(3)(A)



Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)

Invoice & Report for May, 2023



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May 2, 2023 Campaign

Message Image

FL-20 UPDATE

# BROWARD COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN APPLY FOR FEMA ASSISTANCE!

Homeowners and renters in Broward County

How to Apply:

Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).

Use the FEMA mobile app.

Call 800 [REDACTED]



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Message Text

Hi, It's your Congresswoman Sheila. Homeowners and renters in Broward County who were affected by the April 12-14 severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding are now eligible to apply for FEMA disaster assistance: [www.disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov).

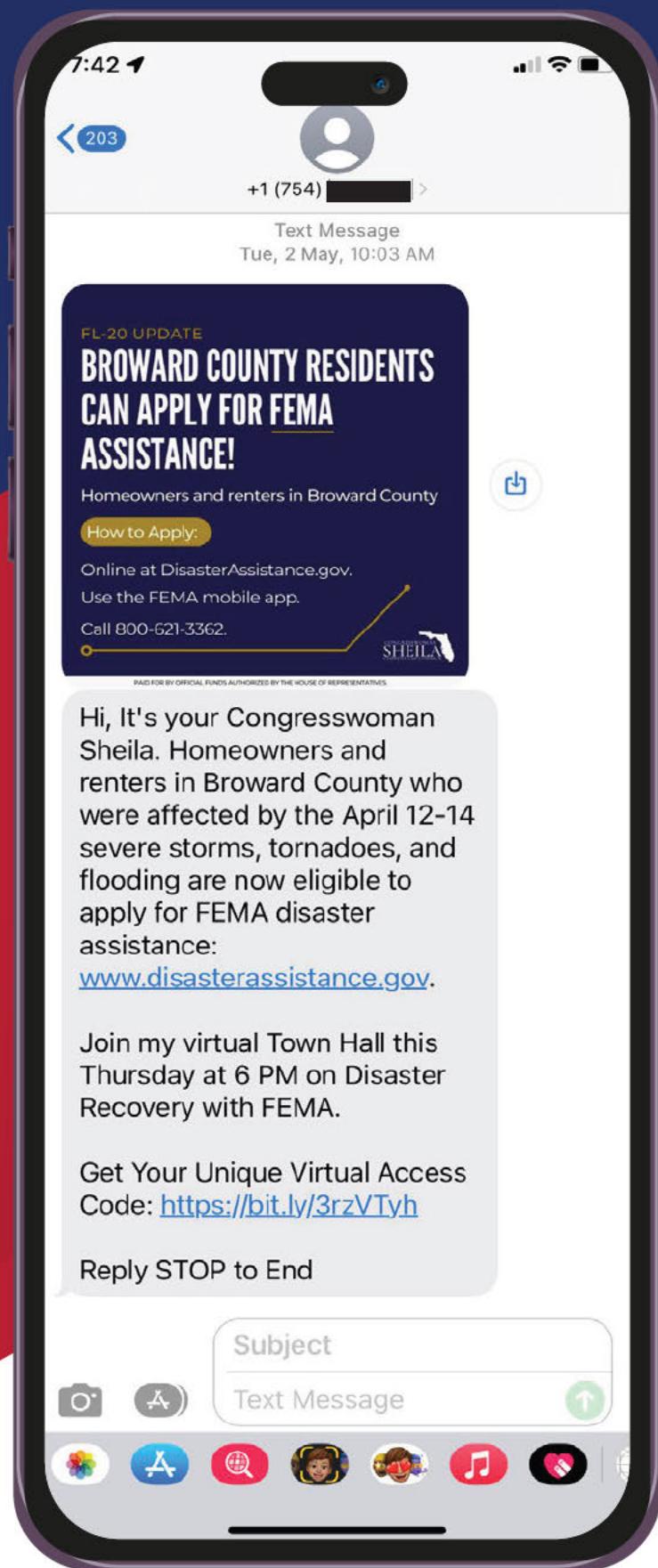
Join my virtual Town Hall this Thursday at 6 PM on Disaster Recovery with FEMA.

Get Your Unique Virtual Access Code: <https://bit.ly/3rzVTyh>

Reply STOP to End

## May 2, 2023 Campaign

### Screen Capture as Message Delivery Proof





# INVOICE

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33319  
Freddie [REDACTED]  
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800 [REDACTED]

**INVOICE #** 12061

**DATE** 5/25/2023

**Due Date:** June 2, 2023

TO

The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
242 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515-0920  
Phone: (202) [REDACTED]

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)	\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

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**From:** Levin, Jonathan  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 9:04 AM EST  
**To:** **Staffer**  
**CC:** Kenney, Grace  
**Subject:** Outstanding Figgers Invoice (Oct. + Nov.)  
**Attachments:** Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus McCormick Report October & November 2023 for billing.pdf, 28-74255-44.pdf

**Staffer**—please see attached for the invoices, sample, and advisory.

Best,  
Jonathan



Jonathan Levin  
Press Secretary and Digital Director  
Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)  
242 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515  
Office: (202) [REDACTED]  
Cell: (202) [REDACTED]

74255-44

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

**HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS  
STANDARDS COMMISSION**

**1541A LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-8230**

**STAFF ADVISORY OPINION**

Office Of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick 242 CHOB	Staff Contact: Jonathan Levin	Record Number: 74255-44
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Date of Initial Review: 10/30/2023	Date Issued 10/31/2023
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Description of Request:  
Request for a staff advisory opinion on the frankability of material submitted as described below (copy attached).

Format of material: Text/SMS	Means of distribution: Not Applicable;
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Description of material:  
Text/SMS - LIHEAP 10/30/23 SMS

Advisory:  
Material submitted was deemed Frankable under provisions of:  
3210(a)(3)(A)



Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)  
Invoice & Report for October & November, 2023



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**SHEILA**  
CHERFILUS MCCORMICK



# Target Audience

## Congressional District 20

### Summary Report for November, 2023

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Messages

Total Messages Out= 50,052

Message Image



# FLORIDA RECEIVES **\$106 MILLION** TO HELP LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AFFORD HOME ENERGY COSTS

SEE IF YOU QUALIFY AT  
**[www.energyhelp.us](http://www.energyhelp.us)**



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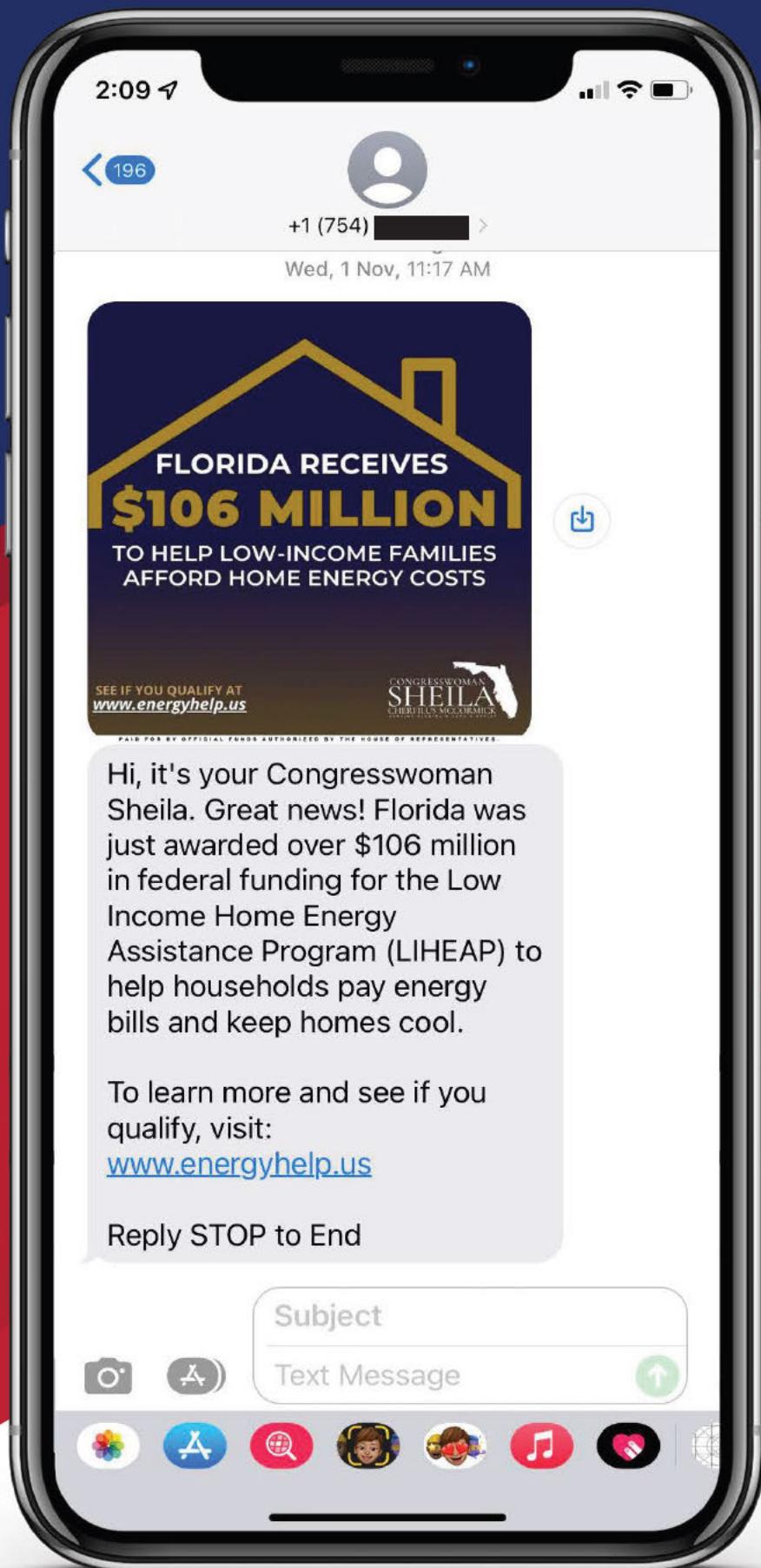
Message Text

Hi, it's your Congresswoman Sheila. Great news! Florida was just awarded over \$106 million in federal funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help households pay energy bills and keep homes cool.

To learn more and see if you qualify, visit: [www.energyhelp.us](http://www.energyhelp.us)

Reply STOP to End

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Message Delivery Proof





# INVOICE

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Freddie [REDACTED]  
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800 [REDACTED]

**INVOICE #:** 16071

**DATE:** 10/27/2023

**DUE DATE:** December 4, 2023

TO

The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
242 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515-0920  
Phone: (202) [REDACTED]

Description	Amount
Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) for October, 2023	\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!



# INVOICE

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Freddie [REDACTED]  
Figgersinc.com  
800 [REDACTED]

**INVOICE #:** 16081

**DATE:** 11/28/2023

**DUE DATE:** December 4, 2023

TO

The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
242 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515-0920  
Phone: (202) [REDACTED]

Description	Amount
Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) for November, 2023	\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

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**From:** [REDACTED] Staffer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023 1:35 PM EDT  
**To:** Pierre, Shauna; Pierre-Louis, Naomie  
**Subject:** Paid invoices through today  
**Attachments:** 202301FL20902449.PDF, 202301FL20901075.PDF, 202301FL20900827.PDF, 202303FL20907324.PDF, 202302FL20903702.PDF, 202305FL20910416 (1).PDF, 202301FL20900827.PDF

Hello, I have paid these invoices and would like to confirm that there is nothing outstanding. I don't see invoices for \$5K per month for services. Am I missing invoices? I'm under the impression that there is an agreement in place, can you share that with us?

Can you check with Leidos on outstanding invoices?

The invoices that I have attached are specific to the TTH/TH and SMS campaigns for the office. No printing or advertising included. They are separate from the Budget code "2310" which is for TH, TTH and SMS.

[REDACTED] Staffer  
Financial Administrator  
U.S. House of Representatives  
c) 202-660-2419

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**From:** Staffer  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 9:34 AM EST  
**To:** Levin, Jonathan  
**CC:** Kenney, Grace  
**Subject:** RE: Outstanding Figgers Invoice (Oct. + Nov.)

Good morning! These have been processed. Have a great week!

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**From:** Levin, Jonathan <Jonathan.Levin [REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 9:04 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Staffer  
**Cc:** Kenney, Grace <Grace.Kenney [REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Outstanding Figgers Invoice (Oct. + Nov.)

Staffer—please see attached for the invoices, sample, and advisory.

Best,  
Jonathan



Jonathan Levin  
Press Secretary and Digital Director  
Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)  
242 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515  
Office: (202) [REDACTED]  
Cell: (202) [REDACTED]

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**From:** Pierre, Shauna  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023 6:24 PM EDT  
**To:** **Staffer** Pierre-Louis, Naomie  
**Subject:** Re: Paid invoices through today

**Staffer**

Thanks for sending. I will check with Leidos to confirm any outstanding invoices. I will also resubmit the SMS subscription invoices via email.



**Shauna Pierre** | Communications Director

Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)

Cell: (202) [REDACTED] | Office: (202) [REDACTED]

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**From:** **Staffer**

**Date:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 1:35 PM

**To:** Pierre, Shauna [REDACTED] | Pierre-Louis, Naomie [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Paid invoices through today

Hello, I have paid these invoices and would like to confirm that there is nothing outstanding. I don't see invoices for \$5K per month for services. Am I missing invoices? I'm under the impression that there is an agreement in place, can you share that with us?

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**Staffer**

Financial Administrator

U.S. House of Representatives

c) 202 [REDACTED]

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**From:** Pierre, Shauna  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023 12:24 PM EDT  
**To:** [REDACTED] Staffer  
**CC:** Pierre-Louis, Naomie  
**Subject:** Re: Paid invoices through today  
**Attachments:** Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus McCormick Report May 2023 for billing.pdf

**Staffer**

I apologize for the confusion. I should have noted that the invoice is final page of the pdf. So the sample + invoice are included for each. Please see attached example.



**Shauna Pierre** | Communications Director  
Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)  
Cell: (202) [REDACTED] | Office: (202) [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] Staffer  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 11:39 AM  
**To:** Pierre, Shauna [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Pierre-Louis, Naomie [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Paid invoices through today

Hi Shauna, I don't have those SMS subscription invoices that you're referring to. I have the final advisory and sample of what you sent but I need the invoices. Thanks!

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**From:** Pierre, Shauna [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023 6:25 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Staffer [REDACTED] Pierre-Louis, Naomie [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Paid invoices through today

**Staffer**

Thanks for sending. I will check with Leidos to confirm any outstanding invoices. I will also resubmit the SMS subscription invoices via email.



**Shauna Pierre** | Communications Director  
Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)  
Cell: (202) [REDACTED] | Office: (202) [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] Staffer

**Date:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 1:35 PM

**To:** Pierre, Shauna [REDACTED] Pierre-Louis, Naomie [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Paid invoices through today

Hello, I have paid these invoices and would like to confirm that there is nothing outstanding. I don't see invoices for \$5K per month for services. Am I missing invoices? I'm under the impression that there is an agreement in place, can you share that with us?

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Staffer

Financial Administrator

U.S. House of Representatives

c) 202-[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] **Staffer**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023 11:39 AM EDT  
**To:** Pierre, Shauna  
**CC:** Pierre-Louis, Naomie  
**Subject:** RE: Paid invoices through today

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[REDACTED] **July 18, 2023 6:25 PM**  
**To:** [REDACTED] **Staffer** [REDACTED] Pierre-Louis, Naomie [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Paid invoices through today

**Staffer**

Thanks for sending. I will check with Leidos to confirm any outstanding invoices. I will also resubmit the SMS subscription invoices via email.



**Shauna Pierre** | Communications Director  
Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)  
Cell: (202) [REDACTED] | Office: (202) [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] **Staffer**  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 1:35 PM  
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**Staffer**

Financial Administrator  
U.S. House of Representatives  
c) 202 [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] **Staffer**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023 1:12 PM EDT  
**To:** Pierre, Shauna  
**CC:** Pierre-Louis, Naomie  
**Subject:** RE: Paid invoices through today

I have these all tee'd up but need that w-9 to process payment. Please prioritize so that we can get this vendor paid 😊

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**From:** Pierre, Shauna <Shauna.Pierre[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023 12:25 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] **Staffer**  
**Cc:** Pierre-Louis, Naomie <Naomie.Pierre-Louis[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Paid invoices through today

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Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)  
Cell: (202) [REDACTED] | Office: (202) [REDACTED]

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**Date:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 11:39 AM  
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**Cc:** Pierre-Louis, Naomie [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED] Staffer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023 12:57 PM EDT  
**To:** Pierre, Shauna  
**CC:** Pierre-Louis, Naomie  
**Subject:** RE: Paid invoices through today  
**Attachments:** W9\_EFT\_Combo.pdf

That's helpful 😊

Need a completed w-9 to be able to pay this vendor. Can you get the vendor this w-9 and ask them to return to me asap? Thanks!

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Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)

Invoice & Report for May, 2023



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**SHEILA**  
CHERFILUS MCCORMICK



May 2, 2023 Campaign

Message Image

FL-20 UPDATE

# BROWARD COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN APPLY FOR FEMA ASSISTANCE!

Homeowners and renters in Broward County

How to Apply:

Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).

Use the FEMA mobile app.

Call 800 [REDACTED]



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Message Text

Hi, It's your Congresswoman Sheila. Homeowners and renters in Broward County who were affected by the April 12-14 severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding are now eligible to apply for FEMA disaster assistance: [www.disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov).

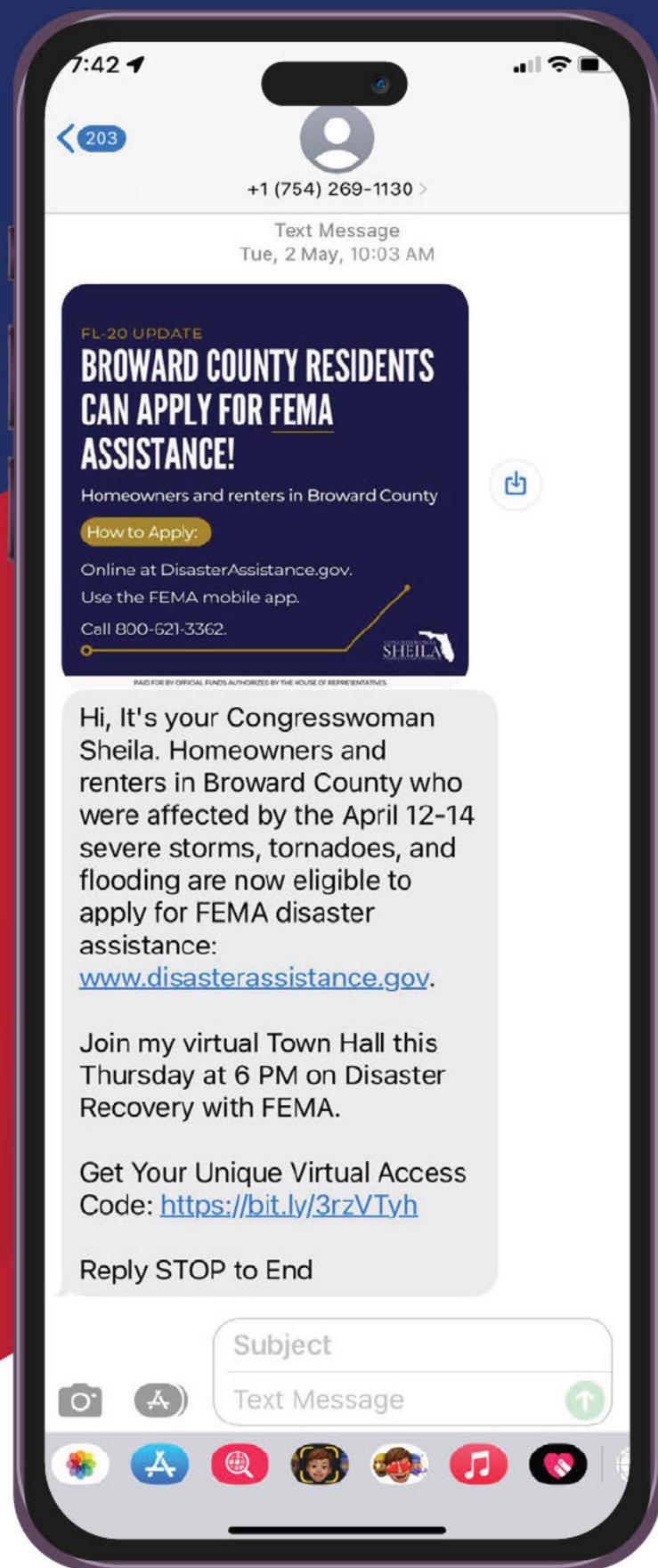
Join my virtual Town Hall this Thursday at 6 PM on Disaster Recovery with FEMA.

Get Your Unique Virtual Access Code: <https://bit.ly/3rzVTyh>

Reply STOP to End

## May 2, 2023 Campaign

### Screen Capture as Message Delivery Proof





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800 [REDACTED]

## INVOICE

**INVOICE #** 12061

**DATE** 5/25/2023

**Due Date:** June 2, 2023

TO

The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
242 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515-0920  
Phone: (202) [REDACTED]

Description	Amount
Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)	\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

33374-10

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

COMMISSION ON  
CONGRESSIONAL MAILING STANDARDS  
1216 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6230

**STAFF ADVISORY OPINION**

Office Of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick RHOB	Staff Contact: Shauna Pierre	Record Number: 33374-10
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Date of Initial Review:  
3/10/2022

Date Issued

Description of Request:  
Request for a staff advisory opinion on the frankability of material submitted as described below (copy attached).

Format of material:  
Text/SMS

Means of distribution:  
Not Applicable;

Description of material:  
Text/SMS - Immigration Clinic SMS

Advisory:  
Material submitted was deemed Frankable under provisions of:



Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)

Invoice & Report for February, 2023



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**SHEILA**  
CHERFILUS MCCORMICK



# Target Audience

## Congressional District 20

### Summary Report for February, 2023

February 11, 2023 Messages

Total Messages Out= 240,309

Total Replies= 946

February 20, 2023 Messages

Total Messages Out= 130,020

Total Replies= 124

February 11, 2023 Campaign

Message Image



YOUR CONGRESSWOMAN  
**SHEILA**  
CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK

ON SITE IMMIGRATION LAWYERS & CONGRESSIONAL CASEWORKERS

**IMMIGRATION CLINIC & MOBILE OFFICE**

**Saturday, February 11, 2023 | 10am - 2pm**

**Lauderdale Lakes Multipurpose Center**

4340 NW 36th Street  
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319

For more information please call (954) [REDACTED]

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Message Text

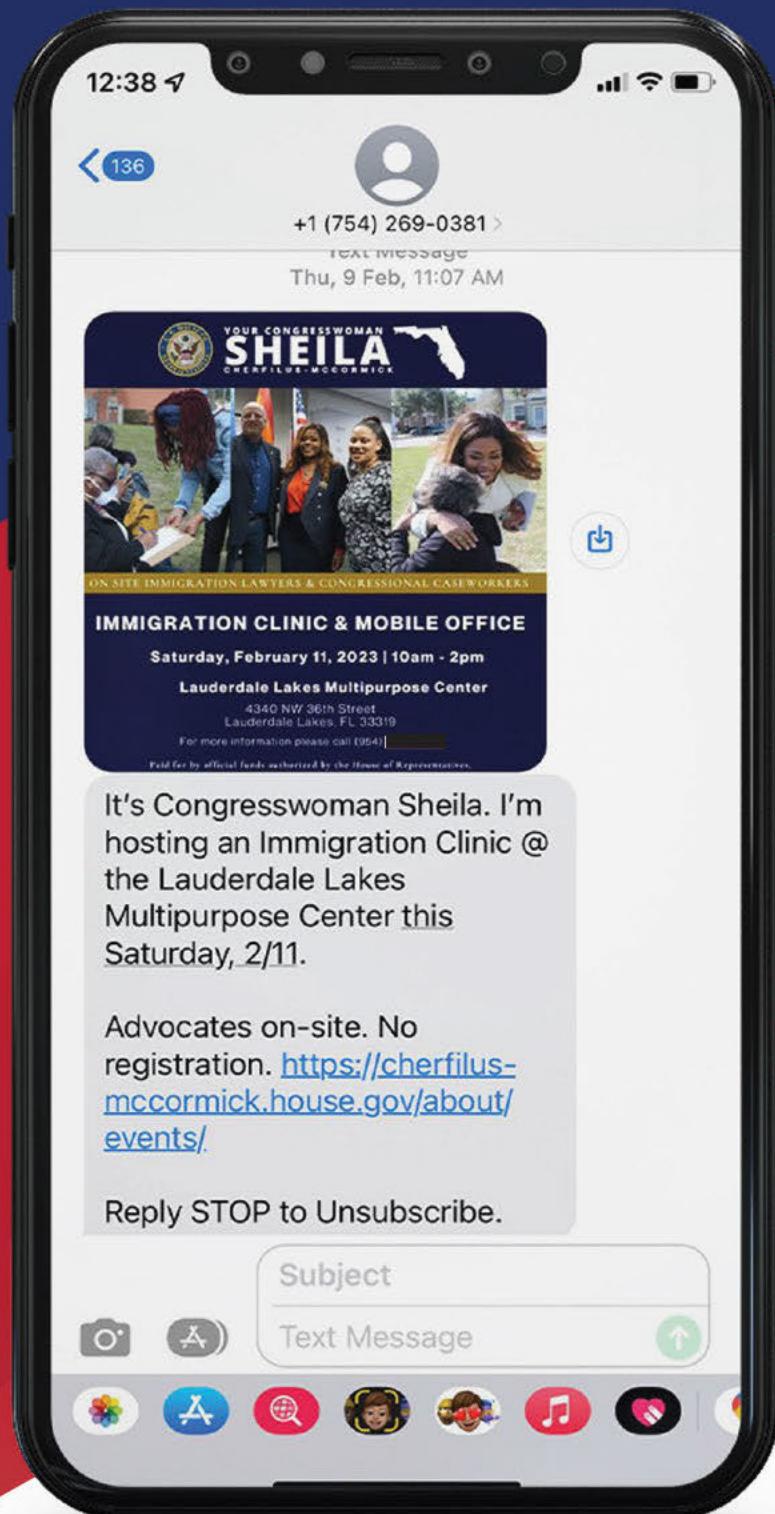
It's Congresswoman Sheila. I'm hosting an Immigration Clinic @ the Lauderdale Lakes Multipurpose Center this Saturday, 2/11.

Advocates on-site. No registration. <https://cherfilus-mccormick.house.gov/about/events/>

Reply STOP to Unsubscribe.

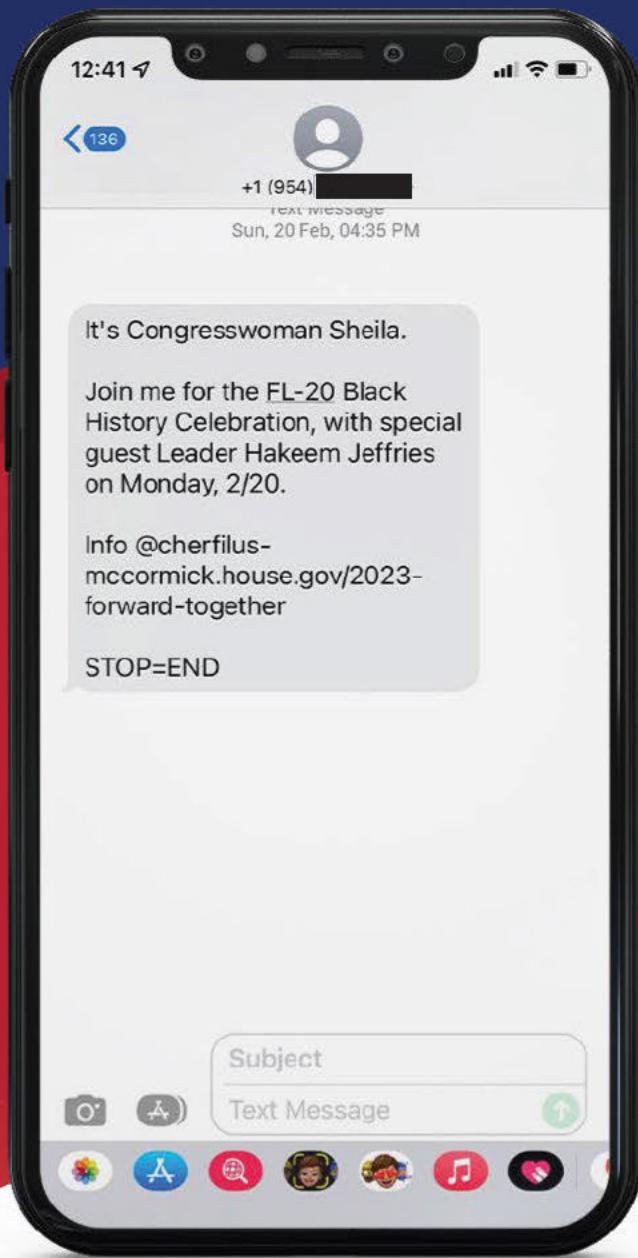
## February 11, 2023 Campaign

Screen Capture as  
Message Delivery Proof



## February 20, 2023 Campaign

### Screen Capture as Message Delivery Proof



### Message Text

It's Congresswoman Sheila.

Join me for the FL-20 Black History Celebration, with special guest Leader Hakeem Jeffries on Monday, 2/20.

Info @cherfilus-mccormick.house.gov/2023-forward-together

STOP=END



# INVOICE

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**INVOICE #** 9061  
**DATE** 2/17/2023

**Due Date:** March 1, 2023

TO

The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
242 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515-0920  
Phone: (202) [REDACTED]

Description	Amount
Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)	\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

74255-44

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

**HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS  
STANDARDS COMMISSION**

**1541A LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-8230**

**STAFF ADVISORY OPINION**

Office Of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick 242 CHOB	Staff Contact: Jonathan Levin	Record Number: 74255-44
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Date of Initial Review: 10/30/2023	Date Issued 10/31/2023
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**Description of Request:**  
Request for a staff advisory opinion on the frankability of material submitted as described below (copy attached).

Format of material: Text/SMS	Means of distribution: Not Applicable;
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**Description of material:**  
Text/SMS - LIHEAP 10/30/23 SMS

**Advisory:**  
Material submitted was deemed Frankable under provisions of:  
3210(a)(3)(A)



Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)  
Invoice & Report for October & November, 2023



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**SHEILA**  
CHERFILUS MCCORMICK



# Target Audience

## Congressional District 20

### Summary Report for November, 2023

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Messages

Total Messages Out= 50,052

Message Image



# FLORIDA RECEIVES **\$106 MILLION** TO HELP LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AFFORD HOME ENERGY COSTS

SEE IF YOU QUALIFY AT  
[www.energyhelp.us](http://www.energyhelp.us)



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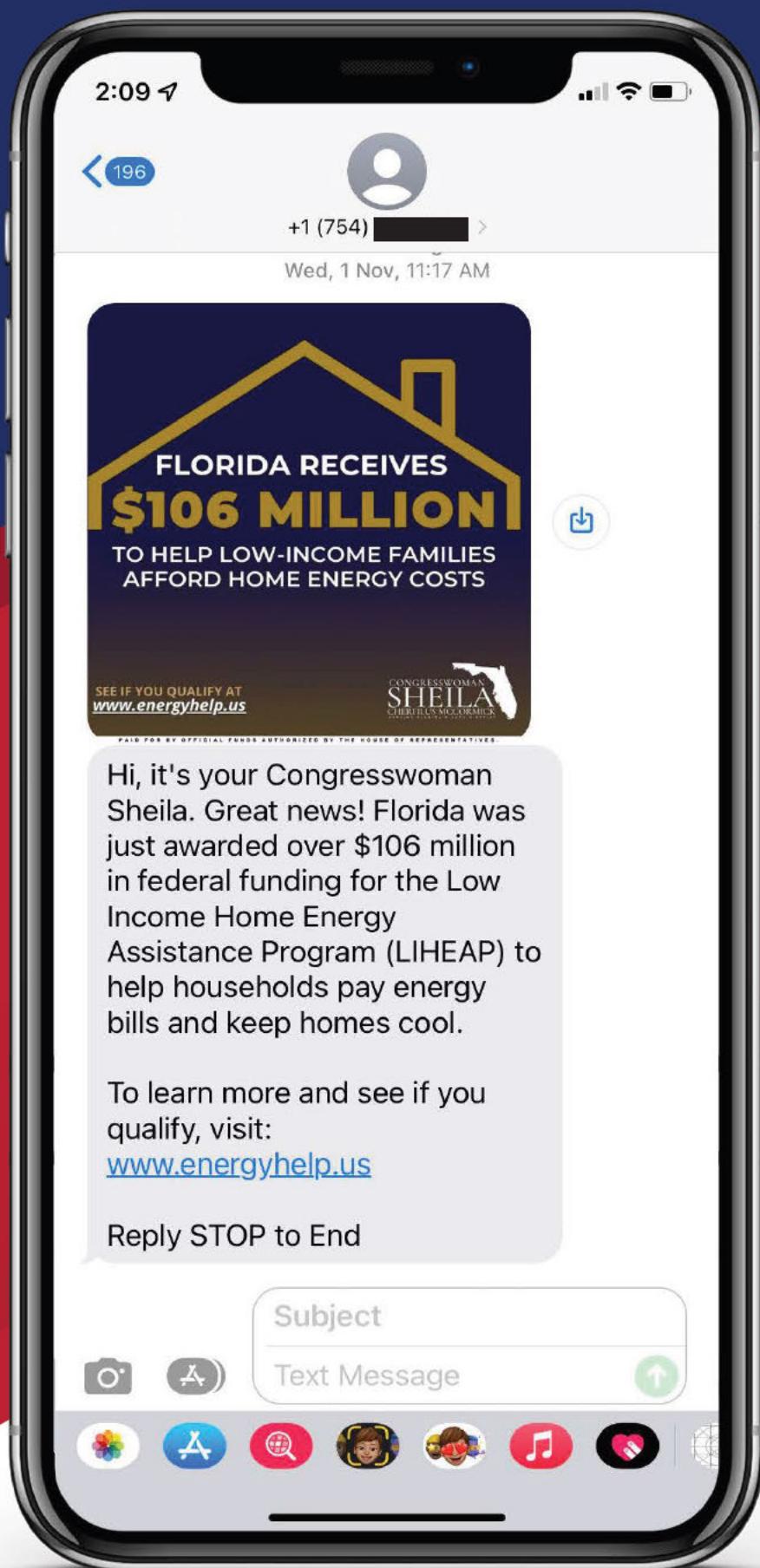
Message Text

Hi, it's your Congresswoman Sheila. Great news! Florida was just awarded over \$106 million in federal funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help households pay energy bills and keep homes cool.

To learn more and see if you qualify, visit: [www.energyhelp.us](http://www.energyhelp.us)

Reply STOP to End

Screen Capture as  
Message Delivery Proof





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**INVOICE #:** 16071

**DATE:** 10/27/2023

**DUE DATE:** December 4, 2023

TO

The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
242 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515-0920  
Phone: (202) [REDACTED]

Description	Amount
Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) for October, 2023	\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!



# INVOICE

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**INVOICE #:** 16081

**DATE:** 11/28/2023

**DUE DATE:** December 4, 2023

TO

The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
242 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515-0920  
Phone: (202) [REDACTED]

Description	Amount
Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) for November, 2023	\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

[Clear Form](#)

This form is designed to be filled out using Adobe Reader

[Print Form only, no instructions](#)[Save Form](#)[Print Form & Instructions](#)**U.S. House of Representatives****Substitute W-9 and ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form**

Internal Revenue Code 6109, 31 U.S.C. 3322, 31 CFR 210 and the 1996 Debt Collection Improvement Act require all entities that do business with the United States Government to provide a Tax Identification Number (TIN) and Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) information for payment. PL 93-579 protects your privacy and mandates that the information never be published or used for any other purpose than to pay you. *Please complete all sections below, sign and return via the email or fax number listed.*

**RETURN FORM TO:**[VendorEFT](#)**FAX NUMBER:**

(202)

**SECTION I****UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INFORMATION**

ADDRESS

CAO OFFICE OF ACCOUNTING, 337 FORD HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, DC 20515

AGENCY IDENTIFIER

53-6002523

AGENCY LOCATION CODE 4832

TELEPHONE NUMBER (202)

**SECTION II****PAYEE/COMPANY INFORMATION**

NAME (AS SHOWN ON YOUR INCOME TAX RETURN)

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR FEDERAL TAX CLASSIFICATION (required)

Individual/  
Sole Proprietor     C Corporation     S Corporation     Partnership     Trust/Estate

BUSINESS NAME/DISREGARDED ENTITY NAME or DBA, IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE

Limited Liability Company Enter tax classification  
(C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P= Partnership)

Exempt payee

TYPE OF TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

ENTER TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (or)  
EIN

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP

OTHER (Other entities. Enter your business name below as shown on required federal tax documents "Name" line. *This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity.* You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/ disregarded entity name" line.)

CONTACT PERSON NAME

PURCHASE ORDER ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP

EMAIL

EMAIL

TELEPHONE NUMBER

FAX NUMBER

TELEPHONE NUMBER

FAX NUMBER

REMIT TO ADDRESS

**SECTION III****FINANCIAL INSTITUTION INFORMATION**

BANK NAME (Branch City, State)

ACH COORDINATOR NAME

TELEPHONE NUMBER

NINE-DIGIT ROUTING TRANSIT NUMBER

DEPOSITOR ACCOUNT TITLE

DEPOSITOR ACCOUNT NUMBER

LOCKBOX NUMBER

TYPE OF ACCOUNT

 CHECKING SAVINGS LOCKBOX**SECTION IV****SOCIO-ECONOMIC INFORMATION**[Clear Section IV](#)

Type of Business

Large Business-No Socio-Economic Designations     Minority     SmBusiness     Sm-Disadv/Minority     Sm-Disadv Only     SmMin Only

Sm-Disadvantaged Business Prog

8 (a) Firm     HUBZone Program     HUBZone Eligible     Emerging Small Business     Women-Owned Business

Other Preference Programs

Buy Indian     Directed to JWOD Non-Profit     No Preference/Not Listed     Small Business Set-Aside     Very Small Business Set-Aside

Veteran Owned Status

Non-Vet Owned SmBus     Other Vet Owned SmBus     Serv-Disabled Vet Other Bus     Serv-Disabled Vet Owned SB     Vet-Owned Other Bus

Size of Business

(A) 50 or less     (B) 51-100     (C) 101-250     (D) 251-500     (E) 501-750     (F) 751-1,000     (G) Over 1,000     (M) 1 million or less  
 (N) 1.1-2 million     (P) 2.1-3.5 million     (R) 3.1-5 million     (S) 5.1-10 million     (T) 10.1-17 million     (Z) Over 17 million

**SECTION V****CERTIFICATION OF DATA BY PAYEE/COMPANY**

NAME

TITLE/POSITION

SIGNATURE

DATE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

**Instructions for Completing  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Substitute W-9 and ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form**

**Section I - Agency Information** – Includes the name and address, agency identifier, agency location code and telephone number for the House of Representatives.

**Section II - Payee/Company Information** – Print or type the name of the payee/company and address that will receive payment, social security or taxpayer ID number, contact person name, telephone number and email of the payee/company. Print or type the purchase order and remit to addresses if different from the payee/company address. Check the appropriate boxes for federal tax classification.

**Section III - Financial Institution Information** – Print or type the name and address of the payee/company's financial institution who will receive the ACH payment, ACH coordinator name and telephone number, nine-digit routing transit number, depositor (payee/company) account title and account number. Check the appropriate box for type of account. Payee/Company may include a voided check with this form.

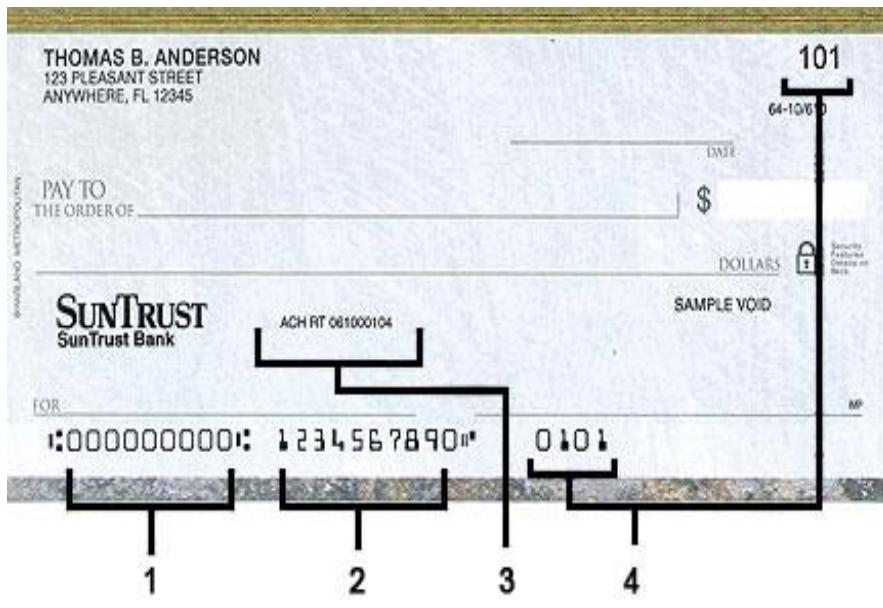
***ACH Account Information Located on a Check or Deposit Ticket***

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION NAME name of the financial institution to which the payments are to be directed

ROUTING TRANSIT NUMBER (RTN) financial institution's 9 digit routing transit number;  
*found on the bottom of a check or deposit ticket or from your Financial Institution*

ACCOUNT TITLE employee's or vendor's name on the account

ACCOUNT NUMBER account number at the financial institution



1. Routing Transit Number (RTN) – nine digits located between two symbols. This number identifies the bank holding your account and check processing center.
2. Account number – this is your complete account number. Your account number can be up to 17 digits. Please include leading zeros.
3. ACH Routing Transit Number – Automated Clearing House routing number, use this number for your Routing Transit Number (RTN) if you bank with **SunTrust Bank**.
4. Check number – This information is not necessary - do not provide

**Section IV - Socio-Economic Information** – Check the boxes for each category, if applicable: type of business, small disadvantaged business program, HUBZone program, emerging small business, women-owned business, other preference programs, Veteran owned status and size of business. Detailed information related to Small Business programs can be found at <http://www.sba.gov/>.

**Section V - Certification of Data By Payee/Company** – Print or type the name, title/position and phone number of the Authorized official. The Authorized official must sign and date the form.

# **EXHIBIT 23**

Message

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**From:** Shauna Pierre  
on behalf of Shauna Pierre  
**Sent:** 6/28/2022 5:30:01 PM  
**To:** Saeed Ahmed  
**CC:** Nadege LeBlanc  
**Subject:** Re: Sheila For Congress - SMS Message (6/21/22)

Hello following up on this email for a report from the first send. We also have assets for the next push. Just want to confirm the last send.

On Fri, Jun 24, 2022 at 7:20 AM Shauna Pierre [REDACTED] wrote:  
Good morning Saeed. After this morning's text push will you send confirmation of the send and a delivery report?

The remaining messages for the next 8 weeks will be sent to you on Monday.

On Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 8:33 PM Saeed Ahmed [REDACTED] wrote:  
Hi Ms. Shauna,

Thank you for sharing the message, as well as the contact lists on Thursday.

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Also each SMS/MMS, unless you specify otherwise, will be sent out to all 177,734 contacts from the shared list.

- All people who opt-out will be excluded from subsequent messages
- You can send more people, and they will be added to this list.

Sincerely,  
Saeed

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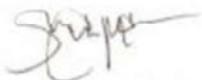
Hi Saeed,  
We would like to send this text message out tomorrow morning 6/21/22 at 8:30am.

Graphic:

Re-Elect  
CONGRESSWOMAN  
**SHEILA**  
CHERFILUS-McCORMICK  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE | FLORIDA DISTRICT 20

I'm working to create real prosperity and deliver real results for our district. With less than five months in Congress, I hit the ground running. Let's continue this great work together. There is more work to do.

Your Congresswoman,



Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick



PAID FOR BY SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK FOR CONGRESS INC.

Caption: Hi, It's your Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick. Over the last 5 months we hit the ground running to move our district in the right direction. Let's continue this great work together. There's more work to do. Learn more: [REDACTED]

\*Please insert standard opt out verbiage.

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Shauna Pierre

**Founder + Managing Director**  
Digital Content Chick Consultancy

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E: shauna [REDACTED]  
W: [www.digitalcontentchick.com](http://www.digitalcontentchick.com)



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Make Today Amazing!

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Message

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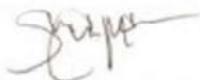
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Your Congresswoman,



Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick



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Caption: Hi, It's your Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick. Over the last 5 months we hit the ground running to move our district in the right direction. Let's continue this great work together. There's more work to do. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3ObXjbq>

\*Please insert standard opt out verbiage.

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**Shauna Pierre**

**Founder + Managing Director**  
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# **EXHIBIT 24**

Message

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**From:** Saeed Ahmed  
on behalf of Saeed Ahmed  
**Sent:** 6/20/2022 8:33:23 PM  
**To:** Shauna Pierre  
**Subject:** RE: Sheila For Congress - SMS Message (6/21/22)

**Importance:** High

Hi Ms. Shauna,

Thank you for sharing the message, as well as the contact lists on Thursday.

**Clarification:** as shared in our discussion over the phone, please allow us a week's time (7 days) after you share lists, to configure our System for your campaign. We can start SMS/ MMS from this Friday.

Also each SMS/MMS, unless you specify otherwise, will be sent out to all 177,734 contacts from the shared list.

- All people who opt-out will be excluding from subsequent messages
- You can send more people, and they will be added to this list.

Sincerely,  
Saeed

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**From:** [Shauna Pierre](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 20, 2022 8:09 PM  
**To:** [Saeed Ahmed](#); [Nadege LeBlanc](#)  
**Subject:** Sheila For Congress - SMS Message (6/21/22)

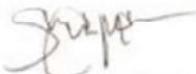
Hi Saeed,  
We would like to send this text message out tomorrow morning 6/21/22 at 8:30am.

Graphic:

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CONGRESSWOMAN  
**SHEILA**  
CHERFILUS \* MCCORMICK  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE | FLORIDA DISTRICT 20

I'm working to create real prosperity and deliver real results for our district. With less than five months in Congress, I hit the ground running. Let's continue this great work together. There is more work to do.

Your Congresswoman,



Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick



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Caption: Hi, It's your Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick. Over the last 5 months we hit the ground running to move our district in the right direction. Let's continue this great work together. There's more work to do. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3ObXjbq>

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# **EXHIBIT 25**

Message

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**From:** Nadege LeBlanc  
on behalf of Nadege LeBlanc  
**Sent:** 6/16/2022 5:15:30 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@figgers.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: cd20 emails

Email list for Congressional District 20

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Mark Goodrich** [REDACTED]  
Date: Thu, Jun 16, 2022 at 5:14 PM  
Subject: cd20 emails  
To: Nadege LeBlanc [REDACTED]

see attached

# **EXHIBIT 26**

Message

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**From:** Nadege LeBlanc  
on behalf of Nadege LeBlanc  
**Sent:** 9/20/2023 9:30:00 AM  
**To:** Sheila Cherfilus McCormick  
**Subject:** Fwd: Call Recap

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Nadege LeBlanc** [REDACTED]  
Date: Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 3:41 PM  
Subject: Call Recap  
To: Desha [REDACTED], Naomie Pierre-Louis [REDACTED] Sheila  
Cherfilus McCormick [REDACTED]

Campaign needs to begin communication strategy

- National Voter Registration Day Sept 19
- Tool kit to be sent out on the importance of registering to vote
- Social media campaign in voter registration and vote by mail registration
- Two 30 second video on voter registration and vote by mail registration
- Messaging should explain how the war on woke is war on democracy
- Text blast sent to every registered Dem in the state of Florida
- The ask is for them to get 5 people to register to vote and request their vote by mail ballots

Action items

- Desha contact VAN about voter database (she reached out because owner of account still needs to be changed waiting on call back)
- Desha reach out to FDP ethics
- Nadege reach out to SGM films (I made contact they will email me a quote)
- Nadege reach out to Jessica for social media and toolkit design (I made contact she will email a quote)
- Nadege reach out to Freddie for SMS. He says she can facilitate but he does not have the statewide Dem database he suggested instead of waiting on VAN that SCM should ask Nikki and ask her to include Mobile phone #, email address, and MAC address
- Naomi reach out to Elias Law Group

# **EXHIBIT 27**

Message

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**From:** Nadege LeBlanc  
on behalf of Nadege LeBlanc  
**Sent:** 9/19/2023 9:48:41 PM  
**To:** Saeed Ahmed  
**CC:** Freddie Figgers  
**Subject:** Re: Sheila Voter Registration SMS

Approved

On Tue, Sep 19, 2023 at 8:37 PM Saeed Ahmed [REDACTED] wrote:

Ms. [@LeBlanc, Nadege](#), ma'am the MMS only allows for 4 files in total that includes the text message. So I took the liberty of creating a GIF file that goes through all images steps one by one.

Please approve and will send it out.

Sincerely,

**Saeed Ahmed**  
Chief Information Officer  
Figgers Communication Inc.

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📠 1-800 [REDACTED]

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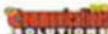
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**From:** [Nadege LeBlanc](#)

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023 7:52 PM

**To:** [Saeed Ahmed](#)

**Cc:** [Freddie Figgers](#)

**Subject:** Sheila Voter Registration SMS

Hi please text out the images below with this message:

Defending democracy means standing united against the 'war on woke.' Join us on National Voter Registration Day to ensure democracy thrives through our collective voice. Take a few moments today to register, verify your registration, or locate a registration event online or in your area.

Visit NationalVoterRegistrationDay.org now.  #NationalVoterRegistrationDay #VoteReady  
#ReElectSheila #ThePeoplesVoice

# **EXHIBIT 28**

Message

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**From:** Nadege LeBlanc  
on behalf of Nadege LeBlanc  
**Sent:** 9/19/2023 7:52:13 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@figgers.com  
**CC:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Sheila Voter Registration SMS

Hi please text out the images below with this message:

Defending democracy means standing united against the 'war on woke.' Join us on National Voter Registration Day to ensure democracy thrives through our collective voice. Take a few moments today to register, verify your registration, or locate a registration event online or in your area.

Visit [NationalVoterRegistrationDay.org](https://NationalVoterRegistrationDay.org) now.  #NationalVoterRegistrationDay #VoteReady  
#ReElectSheila #ThePeoplesVoice



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**SHEILA**  
CHERFILUS \* MCCORMICK

ARE YOU #VOTERREADY?



3. REQUEST YOUR  
VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY  
SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2023

24-7241\_0174



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**SHEILA**  
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ARE YOU #VOTEREADY?



2. CHECK YOUR  
REGISTRATION

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY  
SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2023

24-7241\_0175



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**SHEILA**  
CHERFILUS \* MCCORMICK

ARE YOU #VOTEREADY?



1. REGISTER TO VOTE

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY  
SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2023

24-7241\_0176



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**SHEILA**  
CHERFILUS \* MCCORMICK

ARE YOU #VOTEREADY?



VOTE

4. GET 5 FRIENDS TO  
REGISTER TO VOTE

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY  
SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2023

24-7241\_0177

# **EXHIBIT 29**

Message

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From: Shauna Pierre [REDACTED]  
on behalf of Shauna Pierre [REDACTED]  
Sent: 11/7/2022 8:52:18 AM  
To: Nadege LeBlanc [REDACTED] freddie -  
Subject: 11/7 SMS - Revised Caption

11/7

Tomorrow is Election Day! Help us get out the vote. Here's how:

- 1- Make your Election Day voting plan. Find your assigned polling location: <https://bit.ly/3zRuf3c>
- 2- Return your Vote-By-Mail ballot to the appropriate SOE office. <https://bit.ly/3zRuf3c>

Share this text with 2 friends to remind them to vote. Every vote counts! Stop2optout

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# **EXHIBIT 30**

Message

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**From:** Freddie Figgers  
on behalf of Freddie Figgers  
**Sent:** 11/4/2022 12:02:10 AM  
**To:** Shauna Pierre [REDACTED] Nadege LeBlanc [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: South FL Dems SMS - 11/3

**Importance:** High

Got it, thanks!

*Freddie Fm*



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**From:** Shauna Pierre [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 3, 2022 8:14 PM  
**To:** Nadege LeBlanc [REDACTED] Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** South FL Dems SMS - 11/3



# HELP US KEEP THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY!

**DONATE TODAY**

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**CONGRESSWOMAN**  
**SHEILA**  
**CHERFILUS MCCORMICK**

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Caption:

Hi, it's Congresswoman Sheila. We're fighting to get out the vote in Florida and we need your support!

Donate today to help us keep the Democratic majority. <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/sheilaforcongress>

We'll defend democracy together!

Stop2End

Two files - 1.5 M (not all have cell phones).

 [dem file 1.xlsx](#)

 [Dem file 2.xlsx](#)

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# **EXHIBIT 31**

Message

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**From:** Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
on behalf of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 8/23/2022 9:19:10 AM  
**To:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**CC:** Nadege LeBlanc [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: SMS - 8/23/22

Looping in Nadege so it's on her radar as well. Thanks all!

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**From:** Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022 9:18:12 AM  
**To:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** SMS - 8/23/22

Hi Freddie,  
Can we send this to the entire list this morning?



"Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, in her time in Congress, has been masterful at bringing people together, here in D.C. and her District, by working on big problems and staying focused on shared values. It is my honor and privilege to support Sheila - a strong lifelong Democrat, colleague and friend - for re-election as the U.S. Representative for Florida's 20th Congressional District."

**SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI**  
on why she endorsed Congresswoman Sheila

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CHERFILUS-McCORMICK

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Hi, This is Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. I need every Democrat to cast their vote today to help strengthen our democracy. I'm proud of the hard work Congresswoman Sheila has been doing for her community. Let's vote to keep her in the fight.

<https://www.sheilafordistrict20.com/endorse>

(Opt out language)

# **EXHIBIT 32**

Message

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**From:** Shauna Pierre  
on behalf of Shauna Pierre  
**Sent:** 8/20/2022 2:44:10 PM  
**To:** freddie [REDACTED]  
**CC:** Nadege LeBlanc [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** SMS for 8.20.22



List Tabs:

- Deerfield
- Lauderhill...
- Fort Lauderdale
- Pompano

Image:

CONGRESSWOMAN SHEILA IS THE ONLY TRUSTED VOICE TO FIGHT FOR US IN CONGRESS

# I'M WITH CONGRESSWOMAN SHEILA



Perry Thurston  
State Senator (Fr)



Ken Thurston  
Mayor of Lauderhill

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CHERFILUS \* MCCORMICK  
STRONG DEMOCRAT



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Message:

Hi, it's Senator Thurston (frmr) & Mayor Thurston. Let's vote and re-elect Congresswoman [Sheila Cherfilus McCormick](#) for Congress. She's fighting hard to lower inflation, protect seniors, and solve the housing crisis. Keep her in the fight. [sheilafordistrict20.com](http://sheilafordistrict20.com) (Stop2OptOut)

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# **EXHIBIT 33**

Message

**From:** Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
on behalf of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
**Sent:** 8/14/2022 11:45:26 PM  
**To:** Freddie Figgers  
**CC:** Nadege LeBlanc  
**Subject:** SMS - 8.15.22



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Every day in Congress, I'm fighting for a brighter future for our district. We can win this fight together! I humbly ask for your vote on August 23rd. #yourcongresswoman <https://bit.ly/3zRuf3c>

# **EXHIBIT 34**

Message

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**From:** Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
on behalf of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 8/12/2022 6:08:27 PM  
**To:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**CC:** Nadege LeBland [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** SMS - 8/12/22

Re-Elect Congresswoman Sheila

Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick Secures Over 50 Local & National Endorsements! Full list at  
<https://bit.ly/3zRuf3c>

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SHEILA  
CHERFILUS MCCORMICK**

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Full list at [sheilafordistrict20.com](http://sheilafordistrict20.com)



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FL STATE SENATOR



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FL STATE SENATOR (FR)



**BOBBY POWELL**  
FL STATE SENATOR



**JERVONTE EDMONDS**  
FL STATE REP



**MACK BERNARD**  
PALM BEACH COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER



**BARBARA SHARIEF**  
BROWARD COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER



**KEITH JAMES**  
WEST PALM BEACH  
MAYOR



**KEN THURSTON**  
LAUDERHILL  
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SOUTH BAY  
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PBC COMMISSIONER  
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BOYNTON BEACH  
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WEST PALM BEACH  
COMMISSIONER



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WELLINGTON  
COUNCILWOMAN

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# **EXHIBIT 35**

Message

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**From:** Freddie Figgers  
on behalf of Freddie Figgers  
**Sent:** 8/7/2022 1:00:27 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] sheilaforcongress.com  
**CC:** Nadege LeBlanc  
**Subject:** Content - 8/8/22

**Importance:** High

Team,

I'm following up on the content for next week ? Also do we have the survey ready ?

*Freddie Fm*



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# **EXHIBIT 36**

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**From:** Freddie Figgers  
on behalf of Freddie Figgers  
**Sent:** 8/3/2022 4:57:16 PM  
**To:** Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
**CC:** Nadege LeBlanc  
**Subject:** RE: MMS - 8/3/22

**Importance:** High

Will do

*Freddie Fm*



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**From:** Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 3, 2022 4:32 PM  
**To:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Nadege LeBlanc [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: MMS - 8/3/22

Yes, please. Thank you!

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**From:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 3, 2022 4:25:20 PM  
**To:** Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Nadege LeBlanc [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: MMS - 8/3/22

Hello,

Do we want this to go out today ? I see it's dated for today.

*Freddie Figgers*



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**From:** Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 3, 2022 4:22 PM  
**To:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Nadege LeBlanc [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: MMS - 8/3/22

Updated Caption:

I sat down with Jackie Nespral to discuss my priorities for the district and why I'm committed to putting people over politics. #yourcongresswoman <https://bit.ly/3vv3fVR>

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**From:** Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 3, 2022 4:20:48 PM  
**To:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Nadege LeBlanc [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MMS - 8/3/22



Caption:

I sat down with Jackie Nespral to discuss my priorities for the district and why I'm putting people over politics. #yourcongresswoman <https://bit.ly/3vv3fVR>

# **EXHIBIT 37**

Message

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**From:** Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
on behalf of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
**Sent:** 8/1/2022 5:56:12 PM  
**To:** Freddie Figgers  
**CC:** Nadege LeBlanc  
**Subject:** SMS - 8.2.22



Caption:

It's a new day for our district & within the 7 months I have served as your Congresswoman, I have placed people over politics and delivered real results:

- ✓ Millions in Funding for Housing, Healthcare & Community Programs
- ✓ Life Saving Legislation for Our Seniors, Families & Small Businesses
- ✓ Economic Opportunities that Break Down Barriers so We All Have a Seat at the Table

The era of political games and smear campaigns is over. Let's charge forward and continue delivering for the district.

<https://bit.ly/3cZM2NR>

# **EXHIBIT 38**

Message

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**From:** Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
on behalf of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 7/31/2022 1:36:51 PM  
**To:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**CC:** Nadege LeBlanc [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: SMS - 7.31.22

Awcsome thanks!

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**From:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2022 1:32:28 PM  
**To:** Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Nadege LeBlanc [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: SMS - 7.31.22

Received, and getting ready to go out in 10min.

*Freddie Fm*



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**From:** Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2022 1:30 PM

To: Freddie Figgers  
Cc: Nadege LeBlanc  
Subject: SMS - 7.31.22

# ENDORSED BY The Palm Beach Post



In her brief time in Congress, she has been a reliable Democratic vote. She has worked with the White House and Democratic congressional leaders to pass legislation to protect the environment from climate change, expand access to healthcare and support women's reproductive rights.

"The Palm Beach Post endorses Cherfilus-McCormick."

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on behalf of Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
**Sent:** 7/31/2022 1:36:24 PM  
**To:** Freddie Figgers [REDACTED]  
**CC:** Nadege LeBlanc  
**Subject:** Engagement Rates & Person to Person Messaging

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April 10, 2024

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7 (Conducted Remotely)  
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## PROCEEDINGS

2 MS. CRUMP: Good afternoon. My name is  
3 Kristina Crump. I'm investigative counsel with  
4 the Office of Congressional Ethics. I'm being  
5 joined by my colleague Indhira Benitez as well as  
6 Witness 1. The witness has received the False  
7 Statements Act and has acknowledged receipt. As a  
8 reminder to everyone, the OCE requests that  
9 witnesses keep each matter confidential to respect  
10 the legal interests of the parties associated with  
11 this review.

18 MS. CRUMP: Yes, I can hear you.

19 WITNESS 1: Hello?

20 MS. CRUMP: Yes.

21 WITNESS 1: Okay, perfect. I'm sorry.  
22 Did you say something?

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1 MS. CRUMP: No problem. Witness 1, you  
2 worked for Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-  
3 McCormick's official office, correct?

4 WITNESS 1: Yes, on the official side,  
5 yes.

6 MS. CRUMP: Can you tell me a little bit  
7 about your responsibilities while you worked for  
8 her?

9 WITNESS 1: So while I was in the office  
10 I was her Deputy Chief of Staff (inaudible)  
11 administration. While in the district office I  
12 oversaw the immigration portfolio in addition to  
13 working with state leaders both locally and  
14 nationally, and some small business here and  
15 there. So it was really as you go, building a  
16 plane and flying it at the same time in a new  
17 member's office.

18 The only thing I didn't touch intimately  
19 was the ledge portfolio. But I did a little bit  
20 of scheduling. I did administration. I did  
21 community outreach, public facing, et cetera.

22 MS. CRUMP: Thank you. Can you tell me

1 a little bit about the office's process for  
2 earmarks in 2022? I understand it was a new  
3 office. So I'm just interested what the approach  
4 was, what the process was that was in place.

5 WITNESS 1: So that's the thing. I was  
6 not over the process. Obviously I interacted with  
7 our ledge director. I know she interacted a lot  
8 with the perspective -- those who were requesting  
9 funding by way of course, email, phone, so I  
10 really can't say what the process was. I know of  
11 course her and the member had intimate  
12 conversations, they were conversations the member  
13 had with me on groups that were interested. She  
14 held meetings of course with groups that were  
15 interested throughout the district who would come  
16 up to DC.

17 So I wouldn't say there was a process  
18 aside from meeting with interested groups, hearing  
19 them out, them submitting their paperwork  
20 proposals, and then her meeting on an individual  
21 basis with our ledge director on who should  
22 receive the funding and then of course who should

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1 not. But I wouldn't say there was a process as  
2 far as in step one, step two, step three.

3 MS. CRUMP: Got it, okay. And for my  
4 knowledge, who was the legislative director at the  
5 time that you are referring to?

6 WITNESS 1: Staffer.

7 MS. CRUMP: Was anyone else from the  
8 office -- can you hear me?

9 WITNESS 1: Yeah, I can hear you.

10 MS. CRUMP: Was there anyone else in  
11 office who was involved in that process for  
12 earmarks?

13 WITNESS 1: I would assume for sure, the  
14 Chief of Staff. Now there were times the member  
15 kept them in the know, and out the know. So I  
16 honestly don't know his limit to information, but  
17 obviously as the chief he was familiar. He was  
18 the senior in the office. He was with the  
19 Congress, I don't know, 20 plus years. So he knew  
20 of the process.

21 But I would say a lot of the  
22 conversations, a lot of the advisement, et cetera

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1 came by way of the member to the ledge and then he  
2 gave whatever input she requested, if any from  
3 him, if any. So I really can't speak to his  
4 involvement as much.

5 MS. CRUMP: And that Chief of Staff at  
6 the time, can you give me their name?

7 WITNESS 1: Witness 6. Yeah,  
8 there you go, Witness 6.

9 MS. CRUMP: Great. Was there anyone who  
10 is not in the Congresswoman's official office who  
11 was involved in the earmark process?

12 WITNESS 1: Yes, by way of the text  
13 messages I sent you or the screenshots, et cetera.  
14 Once again, I only spoke to Michael Joseph. I  
15 know by way of -- you know, of course you hear  
16 people talk. I think there was another  
17 individual. I forgot his name. I forgot his  
18 name. But I can speak to only the one I spoke to.

19 MS. CRUMP: Would his name be --

20 WITNESS 1: Go ahead.

21 MS. CRUMP: Well, we can -- we will  
22 circle back --

1                   WITNESS 1: Go ahead Kristina.

2                   MS. CRUMP: Yes, can you hear me?

3                   WITNESS 1: Yeah, I can. But for me,  
4 who I spoke to, Michael Joseph. That's the only  
5 one I spoke to outside of those who were  
6 interested who might have wanted to know what was  
7 the process, if it was too late for them to  
8 submit, that kind of stuff. But that's more so  
9 just general interest, like inquiries.

10                  MS. CRUMP: And who is Michael Joseph?

11                  WITNESS 1: Currently he is a  
12 Commissioner for the City of North Miami Beach.  
13 It's still that, yes.

14                  MS. CRUMP: And what was his connection  
15 to the Congresswoman in 2022?

16                  WITNESS 1: Friends, colleagues. They  
17 went to law school together. He helped her  
18 obviously in other facets of being elected. I  
19 don't know the details. I was not on the campaign  
20 side. So I don't want to speak outside of goat  
21 (phonetic). But I know they're friends. I mean,  
22 they're colleagues. They went to law school

1 together which is very public and known  
2 throughout.

3 MS. CRUMP: And is that the context in  
4 which you knew him?

5 WITNESS 1: Oh I knew him just in the  
6 space, the political space, the community space.  
7 I knew him before Sheila. Oh yeah, I knew Michael  
8 before Sheila. Yeah. So in this space, very  
9 involved, very well known. I'm very well-known  
10 and very involved. So a lot of the quote/unquote  
11 players that are elected and those who serve in  
12 the community I've known for years. So it wasn't  
13 my first introduction. Let's put it like that.

14 MS. CRUMP: Great. You referenced your  
15 text conversation with him. So let's go ahead and  
16 pull that up.

17 MS. CRUMP: Nache, if you could please  
18 pull up Exhibit 1.

19 TECH: Please stand by.

20 MS. CRUMP: Witness 1, do you see your  
21 April 26 --

22 WITNESS 1: Yeah. Let me -- yeah, it's

1 2022.

2 MS. CRUMP: So you see on the screen a  
3 text conversation you have with Michael Joseph?

4 WITNESS 1: Yeah.

5 MS. CRUMP: On April 29, 2022, it  
6 appears that you sent him a message saying that  
7 you were trying to contact him regarding  
8 appropriations. Do you see that?

9 WITNESS 1: Yeah, I do.

10 MS. CRUMP: What was Michael Joseph's  
11 involvement in the appropriations process?

12 WITNESS 1: Submitting recommendations,  
13 submitting organizations to be considered.

14 MS. CRUMP: Why would you -- do you  
15 recall why you were attempting to contact him on  
16 April 29?

17 THE REPORTER: Counsel, it looks like  
18 our witness just dropped off. Oh, she's back.

19 MS. CRUMP: Okay, let's go off the  
20 record.

21 MS. CRUMP: Witness 1, are you there?  
22 Hi, Witness 1, can you hear me?

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1                   WITNESS 1: Hey y'all, I'm so sorry. It  
2 dropped. Can you hear me now?

3                   MS. CRUMP: Yes, we can hear you. No  
4 problem.

5                   WITNESS 1: What were we talking about:  
6 oh, his role in appropriations.

7                   MS. CRUMP: Parker, are we on or off the  
8 record?

9                   MR. SIMPSON: We are on.

10                  WITNESS 1: Okay, hold on one second.  
11 Let me move from outside.

12                  TECH: And I just want to remind  
13 everyone just to take a moment just to listen  
14 to -- I know it gets a little bit choppy here and  
15 there over the Zoom, but just taking a breath and  
16 giving everyone time to answer or question. Thank  
17 you.

18                  MS. CRUMP: Thank you.

19                  MS. CRUMP: Witness 1, why were you  
20 trying to get in touch with Michael Joseph on  
21 April 29th?

22                  WITNESS 1: So if I remember -- like I

1 said, I (inaudible) the director -- the ledge  
2 director did, but when he was missing -- now when  
3 I say him, excuse me. When there was missing  
4 information, either -- yes, it would have been by  
5 the member because she is only one who can give  
6 you authority to reach out to people. I'm going  
7 to assume it was by way of the member who told me  
8 to get the supporting documents, which you see the  
9 connection in the WhatsApp.

10 MS. CAMP: Okay.

11 WITNESS 1: And whatever questions he  
12 may have had as far as the amount from the funds  
13 or the account, I don't know. Like I said, I  
14 wasn't intricately involved, but I was brought in  
15 when needed to support or to gather information.

16 MR. SIMPSON: Could you repeat that last  
17 bit for me?

18 WITNESS 1: Sure. Again, I'm sorry  
19 y'all, the connection -- what part? Oh, so  
20 although I wasn't the one who managed the process  
21 as far as appropriations and the allocation, I was  
22 brought in at moments to support and assist

1       whether it be collecting the information that was  
2       missing, talking to him, et cetera, et cetera,  
3       which would be by the direction of the member  
4       because we couldn't authorize those conversations.

5                   MS. CRUMP: So am I understanding it  
6       right that the member would have asked you to  
7       reach out to Commissioner Joseph to obtain these  
8       supporting documents for this project that was  
9       seeking funding?

10                  WITNESS 1: Yes.

11                  MS. CRUMP: Okay.

12                  WITNESS: The ledge -- if the ledge  
13       director couldn't get it, the member would have  
14       asked me to get it, right? Because otherwise he  
15       was the one responsible, the ledge director was.  
16       So it didn't come the ledge director didn't  
17       instruct me, let me say that. So it wasn't by the  
18       instruction of the ledge director to go get this  
19       information since I was in her (inaudible).

20                  MS. CRUMP: If we could, open Exhibit 2.

21                  (Exhibit 2 was marked for  
22       identification.)

1                   TECH: Please stand by.

2                   WITNESS 1: Go ahead Kristina. I'm  
3 sorry.

4                   MS. CRUMP: I'm sorry, Witness 1. I  
5 asked the technician to open another exhibit.

6                   WITNESS 1: Oh, okay. Okay.

7                   MS. CRUMP: Witness 1, do you see on  
8 your screen the WhatsApp documents that you were  
9 referring to earlier?

10                  (Exhibit 1 was marked for  
11 identification.)

12                  WITNESS 1: Yes. Yeah.

13                  MS. CRUMP: And these are the documents  
14 that you received from Commissioner Joseph?

15                  WITNESS 1: Yeah, all the supporting --  
16 whatever was missing for that person or that  
17 (inaudible) by way of his recommendation. Yeah.  
18 Yeah. And then you can follow up for me.

19                  MS. CRUMP: Why did Commissioner Joseph  
20 have the supporting documents for this project?

21                  WITNESS 1: Because he was speaking on  
22 their behalf. I'm going to assume so; that he was

1 advocating or the liaison. Right? That would be  
2 my assumption, he was the liaison between the org  
3 and the office. So he was providing the  
4 supporting material on their behalf.

5 MS. CRUMP: Was this unusual to have a  
6 friend of the Congresswoman advocating on behalf  
7 of an applicant --

8 WITNESS 1: I don't know how others do  
9 it, but I would assume possibly so, because like I  
10 said, I don't know the procedure, but I would  
11 think that the involvement of this would probably  
12 be questionable or probably raise some eyebrows,  
13 possibly so.

14 MS. CRUMP: Let's go back to Exhibit 1.  
15 Commissioner Joseph -- this is a continuation of  
16 your conversation. You tell him the budget should  
17 reflect 1 million. I can send you the guidelines  
18 for this account, \$500,000 to \$1 million max. So  
19 what do you mean here when you say the budget  
20 should reflect 1 million?

21 WITNESS 1: Missing supporting  
22 information. The budget that we submitted did not

1 reflect, I'm assuming the max amount, which is  
2 what they were trying to get for this group.

3 MS. CRUMP: And what are the guidelines  
4 that you are referring to that you could send him?

5 WITNESS 1: I'm assuming whatever was  
6 shared with me at that time, like whatever you  
7 needed to submit like the supporting documents,  
8 the letters, which is what you are seeing on  
9 WhatsApp.

10 MS. CRUMP: And so you are telling him  
11 all of this so he can provide you with the right  
12 supporting documentation for this project; is that  
13 right?

14 WITNESS 1: Exactly, so that it can meet  
15 the max amount, which is that million dollars as  
16 you see in parentheses.

17 MS. CRUMP: Okay, got it.

18 MS. CRUMP: If we could, scroll down  
19 just a bit.

20 MS. CRUMP: You say to him --

21 MS. CRUMP: Sorry, just up a little bit  
22 more.

1                   MS. CRUMP: You say to Commissioner  
2 Joseph, can you get me one more support letter.  
3 What did Commissioner Joseph say to you in  
4 response to that question?

5                   WITNESS 1: No. No. Pretty much no.  
6 When I said, hey, you need one more letter and he  
7 said, no, that's it.

8                   MS. CRUMP: Were you surprised by that  
9 response?

10                  WITNESS 1: I guess so because if I'm  
11 going to advocate on behalf of an org, I would  
12 probably be acting -- at that point there was so  
13 much frustration on -- here's what you're  
14 seeing -- it wasn't the -- what was the word?  
15 Like the questions I would ask, I didn't  
16 necessarily get either on time or in its full  
17 request. So I guess the simple reason was  
18 frustration. Because like I said you notice I  
19 didn't work with him from the beginning, but I was  
20 called in to assist and liaise between my ledge  
21 director and his org or the org, whoever that is.

22 MS. CRUMP: Why were you pulled into

1 liaise with him as opposed to the legislative  
2 director?

3 WITNESS 1: I mean on a personal -- now  
4 it's not my business, y'all. They didn't click.  
5 They didn't see eye to eye. Once again, personal,  
6 everybody don't vibe with each other. So it  
7 didn't really have anything to do with business.  
8 I would think it was just -- our ledge director  
9 was very straight to the point. She didn't play  
10 that.

11 What I mean by she didn't play that, she  
12 followed the book of what she knew the process was  
13 and if somebody didn't like it and there was  
14 probably conflict, I was always brought in as the  
15 neutral person because of my relationship with  
16 people, my personality, my demeanor, et cetera, et  
17 cetera.

18 MS. CRUMP: And so you say --

19 WITNESS 1: And also I know him, coming  
20 from Miami. I was going to say, also I know him  
21 coming from Miami; I had the relationship. The  
22 ledge director is not from Miami or the South

1 Florida community. So if there is something that  
2 is missing or you need someone to step in and  
3 quote/unquote make something happen, for the most  
4 part you're going to rely on someone who has the  
5 relationship in the district.

6 MS. CRUMP: Was the Congresswoman the  
7 one who asked you to step in and liaise with him  
8 instead of the legislative director?

9 WITNESS 1: I'm going to assume so  
10 unless -- because I really don't remember. I  
11 can't even lie to you. Unless it was the Chief of  
12 Staff. But like I said, he was only pulled in  
13 when she wanted him to be pulled in. That's just  
14 the reality. He wasn't as involved or knew much.  
15 The member did not keep him in the loop on a lot  
16 of stuff. She kept him in the dark actually.

17 So I'm going to assume based on my  
18 relationship with the member, because I did have a  
19 close relationship with her at that time, at the  
20 time that I was brought in by her, but I can't say  
21 a definitive. I'm just going to assume based on  
22 their relationship that it would have came from

1 her and not from him.

2 MS. CRUMP: And do you remember any of  
3 the specifics about why the legislative director  
4 and Commissioner Joseph, why their working  
5 relationship deteriorated with respect to this  
6 project? Were there any specific conflicts?

7 Witness 1, can you hear me?

8 WITNESS 1: I'm back. I'm back.

9 MS. CRUMP: Witness 1, can you recall --

10 WITNESS 1: I'm back.

11 MS. CRUMP: Okay. Do you recall whether  
12 the legislative director and Commissioner Joseph  
13 had specific conflicts that led to this change?  
14 What were those conflicts?

15 WITNESS 1: They didn't see eye to eye.  
16 I know in my interactions with the ledge director,  
17 because like I said, she reported up, right up to  
18 me and the chief or I would say sometimes directly  
19 to the member. But far as office, like office  
20 structure, she would report up to me. I mean, a  
21 lot, I'm not going to lie, on a personal -- this  
22 is all personal business, not business of the --

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1                   He was disrespectful. He didn't like  
2 her responses many times if she didn't agree with  
3 something. Once again, I don't know their  
4 intimate conversation, but I know generally  
5 speaking if she said something he didn't agree  
6 with, he was offended, he was upset.

7                   If she required something, as you've  
8 seen me asking for supporting information, he  
9 didn't, you know, probably follow up with her or  
10 maybe they had some words so they would come to  
11 me. They would always come to me I would say as  
12 the neutral party. But it was just a matter of  
13 she followed the books, whatever she knew to be  
14 the process.

15                   I don't know what's going on Kristina.  
16 It keeps going in and out.

17                   TECH: Yeah, do you want --

18                   WITNESS 1: Did you hear everything that  
19 I said earlier?

20                   MS. CRUMP: I did hear you. I believe  
21 you --

22                   TECH: Do you want -- I'm sorry. Do we

1 want to just take a moment just to see if we could  
2 find a better source of connection?

3 THE REPORTER: Yeah, I would agree.

4 MS. CRUMP: Let's hop off the record  
5 real quick.

6 (Whereupon a recess was taken.)

7 MS. CRUMP: All right. We are back on  
8 the record. We had some technical difficulties,  
9 but we are back.

10 MS. CRUMP: Witness 1, when we last left  
11 off we were talking about specific conflicts  
12 between the legislative director and Commissioner  
13 Joseph and I had asked what those conflicts were  
14 about.

15 WITNESS 1: Yeah, I think it was just a  
16 matter of differences of way of doing things. Our  
17 LD was very to the book, straight up, no fluff,  
18 very direct. And I think for an elective who  
19 might be used to people doing what he says or  
20 expecting people to do what he says and to not  
21 question things, that did not gel well. So I'm  
22 just going to say once again, nothing official,

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1 but I'm just assuming -- not assuming, I know  
2 personalities just did not mesh. They were not in  
3 agreeance with a lot of things.

4 MS. CRUMP: So the documents that we  
5 looked at earlier that he provided to you via  
6 WhatsApp on behalf of one of the entities seeking  
7 funding, do you know where he was receiving those  
8 documents from?

9 WITNESS 1: Oh yeah, definitely from the  
10 person. I don't know who the person is at  
11 Hemp4Water or the different group. But from the  
12 group, yeah, from the group for sure because he  
13 gave them to us on their behalf.

14 MS. CRUMP: Are you familiar --

15 WITNESS 1: If they didn't already  
16 submit them. Let me say that.

17 MS. CRUMP: Got it. Are you familiar  
18 with a person named Hector Roos?

19 WITNESS 1: No.

20 MS. CRUMP: So then let's circle back to  
21 Exhibit 1, the text messages between you and  
22 Michael Joseph.

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1                   WITNESS 1: Yeah, I had that open. I  
2 went to go open this. It was a little slow. So I  
3 have it open.

4                   MS. CRUMP: No problem. And if we can  
5 scroll down to where you revisit the issue of the  
6 \$1 million budget with him again. After he says  
7 no to the support letter -- if we can scroll down  
8 on my screen. Yes. You say, regarding the  
9 budget, can I get revised for 1 million, thanks.  
10 What was his response?

11                  WITNESS 1: That's the scope of the  
12 work, submit. That's a directive I'm assuming.

13                  MS. CRUMP: So he wrote scoop, but we  
14 are correct in reading that as scope, right?

15                  WITNESS 1: Oh yes, I'm assuming scope.  
16 Yeah, I'm assuming it's scope, yes.

17                  MS. CRUMP: And by scope he means that's  
18 the scope of the project for the \$1 million?

19                  WITNESS 1: Yes. And that's it. I  
20 couldn't get no revisions.

21                  MS. CRUMP: And by submit, that was a  
22 direction to you; am I right?

1                   WITNESS 1: I'm going to assume so based  
2 on the words, yes, submit as an action, yes.

3                   MS. CRUMP: And how did you respond to  
4 that?

5                   WITNESS 1: Okay.

6                   MS. CRUMP: Did you follow up with him  
7 by phone or anything further about what's being  
8 send to --

9                   WITNESS 1: No.

10                  MS. CRUMP: That was the extent of your  
11 communications?

12                  WITNESS 1: No, as you see, that was the  
13 extent of the conversation until May of 2022.

14                  MS. CRUMP: Did you talk to the  
15 Congresswoman about this conversation?

16                  WITNESS 1: No, I don't think so. I  
17 will be honest, I don't know. I don't think so.  
18 I could have, but I don't know because we talked  
19 about different orgs that were seeking funding.  
20 So I don't know if we told her that we didn't have  
21 enough information. The LD would be able to  
22 unequivocally say yes or no to that, to be fair.

1 I don't remember. But I do know we talked about  
2 orgs seeking funding and who should probably get  
3 funding.

4 MS. CRUMP: Did you talk to the  
5 Congresswoman about this entity Hemp4Water at all?

6 WITNESS 1: No, I don't remember. Not  
7 except for as I was directed to get information.  
8 That was it.

9 MS. CRUMP: Do you know about any  
10 conversations the Congresswoman would have had  
11 with other staffers about this project?

12 WITNESS 1: I'm assuming those in the  
13 district. I mean, you have her Chief of Staff  
14 that's over the district. I know you're going to  
15 ask me for her name, so I can just give them to  
16 you. What's her name? Nadege -- what's the  
17 girl's last name? Leblanc. Same name as  
18 Staffer, last name, excuse me. So that's her  
19 district Chief of Staff. I don't know who else  
20 would have -- I mean, maybe -- I don't know who  
21 else would have -- I don't think the office  
22 manager. I don't know.

1                   The thing is, Sheila had personal  
2 relationships with us outside of the office, if  
3 that makes sense. Some of us knew her before she  
4 ran for office. So conversations I think  
5 sometimes blurred if that makes sense, from  
6 personal to official, official to personal. But I  
7 do know she has a district Chief of Staff. Yeah,  
8 and that's Nadege Leblanc.

9                   MS. CRUMP: Okay. Uh --

10                  WITNESS 1: And she may have -- I'm  
11 sorry. She may have talked to the person who did  
12 a lot of the local outreach. What's her name?  
13 Oh, what was her name? Charisma, something like  
14 that.

15                  MS. CRUMP: Is that Charisma Adams?

16                  WITNESS 1: You got it, yeah. So she  
17 was the local outreach person in the community.  
18 So she interacted with a lot of the orgs based on  
19 her relationships.

20                  MS. CRUMP: Do you know if Mike Joseph  
21 talked to the Congresswoman about this project?

22                  WITNESS 1: Yeah, for sure, because he

1 was involved in it and it could only be by the  
2 advisement or the authority, right, for him to be  
3 involved. Definitely he wouldn't have come in on  
4 his own merits. So I'm assuming -- I'm going to  
5 assume, yes, since he was involved in the project.  
6 That's my assumption.

7 MS. CRUMP: Were you under the  
8 impression that this project met the criteria for  
9 approval?

10 WITNESS 1: I don't know. I just knew  
11 it was missing stuff. I really don't know, yeah.  
12 I don't know. Staffer would obviously be the  
13 one to tell you.

14 MS. CRUMP: Did you ever discuss this  
15 project with Staffer?

16 WITNESS 1: Not this one, but we  
17 discussed the -- what you call it? The whole  
18 allocation and appropriations process. But I  
19 don't remember specific. I just know her  
20 sentiment over all was she just wasn't comfortable  
21 with some of the stuff that she was seeing. She  
22 just didn't agree with everything which is why

1       they conflict a lot of times.

2           MS. CRUMP: Did she -- so at that time  
3       during the process she voiced to you some concerns  
4       about how the appropriations process was being  
5       handled by the office?

6           WITNESS 1: Yes. I would say general  
7       concerns as far as just overall the lack of  
8       structure, the lack of, in her opinion, who should  
9       get funding and who should not, based on the  
10       requirements and the funds in the account. So  
11       yeah, general frustration.

12           MS. CRUMP: Did she express concerns  
13       about Mike Joseph's involvement in advocating for  
14       certain entities to get funding?

15           WITNESS 1: I think we -- like I said,  
16       it was questionable. So I think for the most part  
17       we all felt it was questionable and his  
18       involvement should not have been as involved.

19           MS. CRUMP: Do you know --

20           WITNESS 1: His interactions, excuse me,  
21       should not have been as involved.

22       MS. CRUMP: Do you know whether Witness

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1 2 met with Michael Joseph or Mark Goodrich to talk  
2 about appropriations?

3 WITNESS 1: I don't know if they -- no,  
4 I don't know if they met. I know they spoke of  
5 course, but I don't know if they met like in  
6 person. Is that what you are saying?

7 MS. CRUMP: Yes, that's what I'm asking.

8 WITNESS 1: No. I mean, they spoke  
9 because that you see he was the liaison or the  
10 spokesperson on behalf -- so yes, they spoke, but  
11 I don't know about meeting. I don't remember.

12 MS. CRUMP: Let's look at Exhibit 3.

13 (Exhibit 3 was marked for  
14 identification.)

15 WITNESS 1: Let me go back.

16 TECH: Please stand by.

17 WITNESS 1: Exhibit 3. 3.2 or just  
18 regular 3?

19 MS. CRUMP: Regular 3.

20 WITNESS 1: Okay, all right. It's  
21 thinking. All right. Yeah, I see it.

22 MS. CRUMP: So you see this is an April

1 29, 2022 email from Staffer to the Congresswoman  
2 and you are on this email too, right?

3 WITNESS 1: I'm copied, yeah.

4 MS. CRUMP: And it appears that this  
5 email identifies projects that the Congresswoman  
6 submitted to appropriations for funding?

7 WITNESS 1: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

8 MS. CRUMP: Okay. And you see that  
9 Hemp4Water was included in this list, right?

10 WITNESS 1: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

11 MS. CRUMP: Okay. Was this project --  
12 to me it seems that the funding request amount is  
13 the largest of all of the projects that were  
14 submitted. Is that also your impression?

15 WITNESS 1: Yeah, based on this, I am  
16 assuming that last zero was just an error. It  
17 missing was an error, I'm assuming.

18 MS. CRUMP: If we could scroll down,  
19 please.

20 MS. CRUMP: So for item number --

21 WITNESS 1: Because I'm assuming it's 5  
22 million.

1 MS. CRUMP: Right, so for 5 million.  
2 Then you can see under name of recipient it says  
3 the applicant failed to submit supporting  
4 documents by the designated deadline?

5 WITNESS 1: Yeah.

6 MS. CRUMP: However, the application was  
7 submitted directly to the appropriate subcommittee  
8 for consideration on April 29 after the submission  
9 of supporting documents. Do you see that too?

10 WITNESS 1: I sure do. I told her she's  
11 very, very thorough.

12 MS. CRUMP: So can you sort of explain  
13 what this is saying?

14 WITNESS 1: It is saying that the  
15 application was submitted after the deadline  
16 regardless of. There you go. Or it failed to  
17 meet the deadline and it was still submitted by  
18 instruction of somebody.

19 MS. CRUMP: Do you have any thoughts on  
20 who might have given that instruction?

21 WITNESS 1: I'm going to only assume  
22 it's the member who has authority to make those

1 kind of decisions, that it would come from her,  
2 the member herself. I would assume so since you  
3 can tell that the LD did not make that decision on  
4 her own.

5 MS. CRUMP: Right. And you had also  
6 asked for a revision of documents to line up with  
7 the budget as well. You did not receive any such  
8 documents, right?

9 WITNESS 1: No, not -- no, because if I  
10 remember correctly he said that was it, right.  
11 Yeah, you said that was it when I asked for the  
12 revised budget of 1 million, which is interesting  
13 because this says 5 million. So I was only asking  
14 for 1.

15 MS. CRUMP: Do you know if Mike Joseph  
16 was representing other entities that were seeking  
17 funding?

18 WITNESS 1: I think he was. Yeah, he  
19 was very involved though. But I don't remember  
20 the other names because based on text messages,  
21 that's the only one. No, if you go through the  
22 WhatsApp, aren't those -- those are different

1 groups. Those are different groups. Those are  
2 not just hemp -- I don't think those are just  
3 Hemp4Water.

4 MS. CRUMP: If we go back to Exhibit  
5 2 --

6 WITNESS 1: Yeah. Let me go to 2.  
7 Yeah, I think those are different groups.

8 MS. CRUMP: You also produced -- you  
9 also produced these documents on their own. And I  
10 will represent to you, and feel free to check on  
11 your own, but I believe that these pertain to  
12 Hemp4Water.

13 WITNESS 1: So if they are just all Hemp  
14 then maybe he was the lead on Hemp, but yeah.  
15 Okay, this is all Hemp, okay, yeah.

16 MS. CRUMP: But separate and apart from  
17 this, it's your impression that he was also  
18 involved in other projects, correct?

19 WITNESS 1: I think so. Like I said, he  
20 was very involved. Yeah, I think so. I just  
21 can't name the groups because I don't have record  
22 of them.

1                   TECH: I'm sorry. One thing everyone.  
2 It's the technician again. I would like to remind  
3 everyone just for the sake of Parker, the court  
4 reporter, and the record, it would be best to just  
5 everyone takes a breath and so there isn't too  
6 much crosstalk. So taking a breath --

7                   THE WITNESS: Oh, okay.

8                   TECH: To make sure that everybody is  
9 getting -- like I know this isn't a deposition. I  
10 know it's just an interview, but do so Parker can  
11 take everyone's words down accurately and there is  
12 no crosstalk. Let's just make sure we are kind of  
13 giving a breath and making sure everybody can get  
14 their entire question or answer in. Thank you.

15                  THE WITNESS: And Nache, I think for me  
16 on my end it's delayed.

17                  TECH: I got you. I understand.

18                  THE WITNESS: For like -- yeah, so thank  
19 you for mentioning that. I will try to be -- no,  
20 no, no, you are good. I will try to be  
21 intentional on that because I do hear a delay when  
22 I think she's done and she's not done. So thank

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1 you for mentioning that. I will try to pause in  
2 between.

3 TECH: No worries. And you are doing a  
4 great job. It's not just you. It's just the  
5 nature of these types of proceedings.

6 WITNESS 1: Oh yeah. Yeah.

7 MS. CRUMP: Witness 1, are you familiar  
8 with someone named Mark Goodrich?

9 WITNESS 1: Yeah, he was a campaign  
10 manager, or is. I don't know if he still is, but  
11 during my time he was the campaign manager.

12 MS. CRUMP: Do you know whether he was  
13 involved in the appropriations process?

14 WITNESS 1: I never spoke to him  
15 directly. I just heard his name, but I never  
16 spoke to him.

17 MS. CRUMP: Did you hear of --

18 WITNESS 1: Yeah, I never had -- oh,  
19 sorry.

20 MS. CRUMP: Go ahead and finish your  
21 answer.

22 WITNESS 1: Yeah, that's where it is

1 Kristina. We've got to pause. I remember we have  
2 to pause. No, I was just saying strangely enough  
3 I've never interacted with him during my time with  
4 her office even as a deputy chief.

5 MS. CRUMP: Did you ever hear from other  
6 staffers that he was involved in the  
7 appropriations process?

8 WITNESS 1: Yes, from our LD.

9 MS. CRUMP: What did the LD tell you  
10 about his involvement?

11 WITNESS 1: I believe he gave  
12 recommendations as well, and advisement on who  
13 should get funding if I remember correctly. But  
14 like I said, it would be by way of her, not direct  
15 conversation with him.

16 MS. CRUMP: But it was your  
17 understanding or what you had heard that both the  
18 campaign manager and the Congresswoman's law  
19 school friend were making suggestions about which  
20 projects ought to be submitted for funding?

21 WITNESS 1: Yes.

22 MS. CRUMP: Did the legislative director

1 mention whether it was framed as a suggestion or  
2 an instruction to submit those projects for  
3 funding?

4 WITNESS 1: Based on the tone and  
5 conversations I've had with Commissioner Joseph  
6 and Staffer, it was more of a directive by way  
7 of being given the authority to do so.

8 MS. CRUMP: Given the authority by whom?

9 WITNESS 1: If I remember correctly.

10 I'm going to assume the member because it wasn't  
11 by staff. I'm going to assume the member.

12 MS. CRUMP: All of the documents that  
13 Mike Joseph sent you in Exhibit 2 were sent to you  
14 via WhatsApp, correct?

15 WITNESS 1: Yes.

16 MS. CRUMP: Was it unusual to be  
17 communicating about official business via  
18 WhatsApp?

19 WITNESS 1: You know, I never thought  
20 about that until now I guess. I guess it's not  
21 considered standard practice to communicate  
22 through WhatsApp. If this is following all

1 processes and guidelines you would communicate  
2 through official email. But I don't know -- you  
3 know, that's interesting. I don't know if he  
4 communicated the same way with Staffer. But  
5 yeah, that's how he sent me the documents, which  
6 was strange. And I don't even know how I got it  
7 to her or to whomever. I don't remember.

8 MS. CRUMP: Was it just that you would  
9 communicate with him via WhatsApp? Or were others  
10 in the office communicating via WhatsApp? Was  
11 that --

12 WITNESS 1: That's what I'm saying, I  
13 don't know. Yeah, I don't know. That's why I  
14 said now that I'm thinking about it I don't know  
15 if that's how he communicated with Staffer as  
16 well. I don't know. But we communicated via  
17 text, but for some reason he sent the document,  
18 yes, via WhatsApp.

19 MS. CRUMP: Ultimately this Hemp4Water  
20 project was not approved for funding. Did anyone  
21 in the office ever discuss that?

22 WITNESS 1: Yes, because the list came

1 out and there were names that didn't get the  
2 approval from the list, from the recommendations,  
3 yeah.

4 MS. CRUMP: Did the Congresswoman ever  
5 comment on the fact that the Hemp4Water project  
6 was not funded?

7 WITNESS 1: Probably. I don't remember  
8 conversations with her, but based on the  
9 exhibit -- look here, I'm talking like a lawyer.  
10 Based on what I provided you there was -- his last  
11 message talking about why did we lie. I'm  
12 assuming it supports the appropriations for  
13 Hemp4Water. So yes, I'm going to assume that  
14 conversations were had. I just don't remember  
15 specifically with me and the member. Those  
16 conversations would have happened with Staffer.

17 MS. CRUMP: Let's hop to that comment  
18 that you just mentioned which is in Exhibit 1.  
19 And we can scroll down to the bottom.

20 Witness 1, do you see your message on  
21 June 8th where you say Staffer has been -- has  
22 also been in meetings all day, but she was able to

1 share that the approved community funding projects  
2 are listed here, and then you provide a link?

3 WITNESS 1: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

4 MS. CRUMP: Let's just start with the  
5 beginning of what you said. You said it's been  
6 busy since y'all got off the phone. What was the  
7 phone conversation that led to this text?

8 WITNESS 1: Oh, I really don't know. If  
9 it was -- if I remember correctly, it would have  
10 been the usual -- he was upset whatever wasn't  
11 submitted because as you see in the previous text  
12 I told him it was missing documentation. So maybe  
13 he was upset that they didn't get the funding. I  
14 really don't remember. I don't remember. But  
15 obviously he was not a happy camper.

16 MS. CRUMP: And just to back it up, you  
17 mentioned that Staffer had been in meetings all  
18 day. Why were you referencing her here? Because  
19 she was the LD and the earmarks were sort of her  
20 domain?

21 WITNESS 1: Yeah, and I'm assuming he  
22 was trying to get in touch with her and she was

1 unavailable. That's my assumption based on  
2 reading this, yeah. And that's why I said she was  
3 able to share with me the link.

4 MS. CRUMP: Got it. And then he says,  
5 why did you guys lie.

6 WITNESS 1: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

7 MS. CRUMP: What is he talking about  
8 here? What lie is he referencing?

9 WITNESS 1: I guess he -- yeah, I'm  
10 going to assume we didn't provide whatever  
11 information he wanted us to say. I don't know.  
12 I'm going to be honest with you, I really don't  
13 remember. But I'm assuming whatever he  
14 instructed, if there was an instruction to  
15 Staffer or whomever, that it wasn't done to his  
16 liking or to his satisfaction and maybe the -- I  
17 don't know. I don't know. I don't know. But  
18 obviously he didn't like something about the  
19 submission or the information provided. That is  
20 my assumption.

21 MS. CRUMP: Did you have any further  
22 text messages with him about this?

WITNESS 1: No, because I looked and I

1 did not see anything. Hold on. I'm just going to  
2 make sure while I'm on with y'all so we can be  
3 done with this. No. So I'm looking. Literally  
4 the last text messages or text message, that was  
5 it. I never replied. That was my last -- my last  
6 reply was on June 8, 2022.

7 MS. CRUMP: Did you have a phone call  
8 with him to discuss this? It just seems like a  
9 pretty inflammatory comment and there was no  
10 response.

11 WITNESS 1: Yeah. No, I didn't respond.  
12 He called me definitely. I mean after that he was  
13 pissed, calling Staffer all kinds of names  
14 because you don't -- you know, whatever. I don't  
15 remember. I just know he was pissed. And then  
16 the member wasn't happy with how Staffer -- and  
17 when I use the word handle him, Staffer did not  
18 believe in apologizing to someone who was  
19 disrespectful or kissing butt, and the member felt  
20 that she was disrespectful.

21 And whatever approach, like whatever  
22 their interaction is, like I told you, this is all

1 my say, he say, she say for me. So whatever the  
2 member did not like in their conversation or her  
3 approach in conversing with the elected official,  
4 she expressed that to me. And they were at odds  
5 and, you know, whatever. So yes, he was upset,  
6 but I don't remember the core details of what was  
7 said.

8 MS. CRUMP: And just so that I'm clear  
9 on it, it sounds like you believe he was upset  
10 because of some of the projects that he was  
11 affiliated with or representing were not included  
12 for funding; is that right?

13 WITNESS 1: There you go. Oh, I  
14 remember now. So the lie, this is the lie. This  
15 is the lie. So the lie was on the deadline I  
16 think of the submission or the account, like the  
17 money that was in the account for that particular  
18 project, if I remember correctly. And obviously  
19 you would get that from Staffer because she knows  
20 the specifics. But that's what it -- it was  
21 something about we shared -- no, this is what  
22 they're saying the account can support. Yes,

1 because there were certain things I believe he  
2 wanted the proposal or the scope to support and it  
3 just didn't make sense. It didn't fall in line.

4 So I think he was saying that you all  
5 don't know what you are saying, you're lying. It  
6 can pass through this account. If I remember  
7 correctly.

8 MS. CRUMP: So his -- he was upset  
9 because of discrepancies between what he wanted  
10 and what the member submitted for funding. Is  
11 that accurate?

12 WITNESS 1: No, I think he was upset  
13 with what Staffer said could be submitted, if I  
14 remember correctly. Like I said, if I remember  
15 correctly, if I remember from that conversation  
16 with Staffer or the elected -- both or one of the  
17 two, it was a matter of Staffer said no, this  
18 cannot be submitted under this account because it  
19 doesn't match whatever the scope is. And he shared  
20 that he had done his research, he had spoken with  
21 someone in the committee. Whatever, I don't  
22 remember all the

1 specifics as far as who spoke to. But the general  
2 sentiment is we were lying as to what could be  
3 submitted for this particular org and that it did  
4 meet all requirements to receive the funding. So  
5 in other words Staffer was incompetent, she  
6 didn't know she was doing, and she was lying.  
7 There you go. If I remember correctly that was  
8 it.

9 MS. CRUMP: And then seeing that the  
10 Hemp4Water project did not receive funding, is it  
11 fair to say he was also upset about that?

12 WITNESS 1: Oh yeah, I would assume so.  
13 That was his group that he wanted to -- that he  
14 advocated for. Yeah, I would assume so.

15 MS. CRUMP: So other than communicating  
16 with you and communicating with Staffer, did he  
17 voice his displeasure with other staffers in the  
18 office?

19 WITNESS 1: No. It was just me and her  
20 that he wasn't fond of.

21 MS. CRUMP: We can take this exhibit  
22 down. I'm going to shift gears a little bit. Do

1 you know whether the Congresswoman knew any of the  
2 applicants for funding personally?

3 WITNESS 1: I'm assuming she knew a lot  
4 of them because they were in the district and she  
5 interacted with them, right, up until her  
6 election. So I'm going to assume she knew a lot  
7 of them personally.

8 MS. CRUMP: Are you --

9 WITNESS 1: I just can't speak to the  
10 relationship. Oh, go ahead.

11 MS. CRUMP: Are you familiar with the  
12 Figgers submission for the funding of healthcare  
13 tablets?

14 WITNESS 1: No. I know they submitted  
15 because the name is familiar and they are very  
16 well known down here, but I don't know the  
17 details. No, that was one of the ones I shared  
18 with you that I was not involved in and I had no  
19 communication with.

20 MS. CRUMP: Do you know whether Mr.  
21 Freddie Figgers is a friend of the Congresswoman?

22 WITNESS1: I don't. I would assume so.

1 The only reason why I would assume so, that his  
2 wife was on one of the boards that we served on  
3 together with the member. So I would assume so,  
4 but I can't speak to the relationship because I  
5 don't know them.

6 MS. CRUMP: What was the name of that  
7 board?

8 WITNESS 1: I forgot. It was years ago.  
9 It was during COVID. Like health, it was a group  
10 of black women in high positions that were trying  
11 to come together and do things for the community,  
12 for brown and black residents. So I don't  
13 remember the name, but it somewhere out there if  
14 you Google us.

15 MS. CRUMP: Was it Essential Community  
16 Health?

17 WITNESS 1: Something like that. It  
18 sounds familiar, yeah. I was a part of that.

19 MS. CRUMP: Let's pull up Exhibit 4.

20 (Exhibit 4 was marked for  
21 identification.)

22 WITNESS1: Okay, Exhibit 4. Excuse me.

1 Exhibit 4, let's pull it up. Thinking.

2 MS. CRUMP: And I'm specifically going  
3 to be talking about this April 8, 2022, 8:28 p.m.  
4 text. And I will represent you this is from the  
5 Congresswoman to Mr. Figgers. And specifically  
6 the last sentence, she indicates that she is not  
7 feeling well and she says I hope my staff is  
8 taking care of you guys. And the next day he  
9 responds, get better, your staff is great. Do  
10 you -- first of all, this would've been during  
11 appropriations season, correct?

12 WITNESS 1: Kristina, hold on one  
13 second. Regular number 4? I'm sorry. I'm on  
14 4.2. Let me get out of 4.2. Regular number 4,  
15 right?

16 MS. CRUMP: That's right.

17 WITNESS 1: Let me get into that. Hold  
18 on one second. I had the wrong one up.

19 MS. CRUMP: No problem.

20 WITNESS 1: Oh, this is the same one.  
21 Oh no, I don't see the one about my staff -- oh, I  
22 see it. I see it. Yes, I see it in green. Yes I

1 do see it from the member, yes.

2 MS. CRUMP: Do you know how the  
3 Congresswoman's staff was taking care of Mr.  
4 Figgers?

5 WITNESS 1: No, I don't know, aside from  
6 appropriations with StafferS because he was one  
7 of the submissions. I don't know.

8 MS. CRUMP: We can skip this document  
9 then.

10 WITNESS 1: Okay.

11 MS. CRUMP: Are you familiar with the  
12 application for funding submitted by Spearhead  
13 Affordable Homes of Florida? Does that ring a  
14 bell?

15 WITNESS 1: No. No, not that one.

16 MS. CRUMP: No problem. Are you  
17 familiar with the -- an entity called Community  
18 Brainstorming Alliance and their application for  
19 funding?

20 WITNESS 1: No.

21 MS. CRUMP: Are you familiar with  
22 Witness 4, the person who submitted the

1 application for Community Brainstorming?

2 WITNESS 1: I know Witness 4, but I'm  
3 not familiar with his -- and so I spoke to Witness  
4 because Witness 4 is also -- I mean, Witness 4  
5 knows the Commissioner and I'm assuming he knows  
6 the member. Let me not say that because I don't  
7 know if he knows the member. But I've spoken to  
8 Witness 4 because he was one of the ones that did  
9 an inquiry on the applications process and asking  
10 me was it too late, could he submit, et cetera, et  
11 cetera.

12 And I believe the Commissioner advised  
13 him to -- that he could still submit even though I  
14 told him we had reached our max, but I think the  
15 Commissioner said no, he can still submit. But I  
16 do know Witness 4. I know him as a person, yes,  
17 personally.

18 MS. CRUMP: And he's a friend of the  
19 Commissioner's?

20 WITNESS 1: I don't know. I don't know.  
21 Now that I don't know.

22 MS. CRUMP: Are you familiar with

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1 someone named Rick Brown with Spearhead Affordable  
2 Homes?

3 WITNESS 1: No.

4 MS. CRUMP: Do you know whether Mike  
5 Joseph or Mark Goodrich instructed any staffer to  
6 submit a funding request on behalf of Morse Life  
7 Health?

8 WITNESS 1: That name is familiar, but I  
9 don't know if it came from them, but that name is  
10 familiar for sure. I remember that name during  
11 appropriations, but I don't know if it came from  
12 them.

13 MS. CRUMP: Were you aware Mr. Figgers  
14 was doing communications work for the  
15 Congresswoman's campaign?

16 WITNESS 1: I'm sorry, say that again.  
17 Was I familiar with what? I'm sorry.

18 MS. CRUMP: Were you aware that Mr.  
19 Figgers was doing communications work for the  
20 Congresswoman's campaign?

21 WITNESS 1: Oh no, I didn't know about  
22 that. No, not communications work.

1 MS. CRUMP: Were you aware that he was  
2 providing communications for the official office?

3 WITNESS 1: No, didn't know about that.

4 MS. CRUMP: All right. Based on the  
5 discussions that we've had and sort of the  
6 information you've given, would you describe the  
7 selection process for community project funding in  
8 2022 in the Congresswoman's office as a fair  
9 process?

10 WITNESS 1: No.

11 MS. CRUMP: Was it your impression that  
12 friends and associates of the Congresswoman were  
13 invited to apply for funding?

14 WITNESS 1: Yeah. Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. CRUMP: And also fair to say that  
16 some of those projects were selected for funding  
17 by the Congresswoman?

18 WITNESS 1: I don't know her decision-  
19 making behind it, but I would say by way of  
20 relationships in her network, possibly so.

21 MS. CRUMP: Would it be fair to say that  
22 those projects received special attention or

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1 assistance from the staff?

2 WITNESS 1: Yeah, I would say so, i.e.

3 Michael Joseph and the guy, the campaign guy.

4 MS. CRUMP: Mark Goodrich?

5 WITNESS 1: That would be to me what --

6 yes. That would be my assumption of special  
7 privilege or special attention, having someone  
8 like that from the outside.

9 MS. CRUMP: And their friends, like we  
10 talked about, Mike Joseph's friends and associates  
11 were also invited to apply for funding?

12 WITNESS 1: I don't know if they were  
13 his friends. I just know he advocated for them.

14 MS. CRUMP: I see. Thank you for that  
15 clarification.

16 WITNESS 1: Yeah.

17 MS. CRUMP: I guess final question. Do  
18 you think that Commissioner Joseph would have  
19 received the same treatment and attention from the  
20 office if he had been a different constituent?

21 WITNESS 1: No, he definitely wouldn't  
22 have received that attention because I don't think

1 this process allows outside influence from an  
2 elected or a friend. I could be wrong though.  
3 It's my first year Congress.

4 MS. CRUMP: Fair enough.

5 MS. CRUMP: Indhira, do you have any  
6 other questions?

7 MS. BENITEZ: I do not.

8 MS. CRUMP: Let's go ahead and -- first  
9 of all, I would like to thank Witness 1 so much  
10 for taking the time to talk with us today. And we  
11 will go ahead and go off of the record.

12 (Off the record at 3:22 p.m. PST)

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13 Molly Bugher, CDLT-161

14 April 15, 2024

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# **EXHIBIT 40**

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**From:** [REDACTED] Staffer  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 7:51 PM EDT  
**To:** Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick; Sheila Cherfilus McCormick  
**CC:** [REDACTED] Staffer  
**Subject:** URGENT; COMMUNITY FUNDING PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR REVIEW  
**Attachments:** Community Funding Project 1.docx  
**Importance:** High

Good evening, Congresswoman,

I am sending this again for your review. I hope to finalize the 15 projects by tonight. At the very minimum, I suggest that we finalize at 10 by tonight. Keep in mind that we are dealing with very strict deadlines that have been established by the appropriations subcommittees.

We also need sufficient time after selecting the 15 projects to ensure they meet all the requirements and request additional information from applicants, if needed.

The deadlines are on the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>t</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, depending on the account.

Regards,

[REDACTED] Staffer

Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick-FL 20  
2365 Rayburn House Office  
Office: (202) [REDACTED]  
Work cell: 202 [REDACTED]

# **EXHIBIT 41**

**COMMUNITY FUNDING PROJECTS**  
**MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SATURDAY, THE LATEST**

	Name	Name of Organization	Project	Address	Amount	Reason
1	Linda Long	Sojourners with Healing Hearts	PO Box 9134 West Palm Beach, FL 33419	PO Box 9134 West Palm Beach, FL 33419	\$167,500	Sojourners is proposing to expand our current financial support for early detection screenings to cover women of color ages 25 to 40. We currently provide free mammograms through our partnership with Boca Raton Regional Hospital by utilize their Mammogram Van as well as in-office testing through a partnership with the Diagnostic Center of America for about 70 – 100 women per year utilizing our current funding. Due to the financial impact to many corporations and individuals of the past few years, there is not sufficient funding for us to scale this program to meet the growing need of affected women.
2	Freddie Figgers	Figgers Foundation	Health Care Access for everyBODY	3810 Inverrary Blvd. Suite 41, Lauderhill, FL 33319	5 million	12,500 Medical telecommunications equipment.
3	Nadine Gadeon (MIKE)	Haitian Lawyers Association(HLA)	HLA'S Community Outreach	28 West Flagler Street, Suite 1000, Miami, Florida, 33130	2.5 million	To provide pro bono legal services to migrants and immigrants

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4	Julia Murphy	Compass LGBTQ+ Community Center (Compass)	Compass LGBTQ Youth and Family Services	201 N Dixie Highway Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460	\$523,345.00	<p>program and provide We are pleased to have built multiple relationships with partner groups and businesses. The Palm Beach County Library System is responsible for co-hosting the monthly LGBTQ teen book club with Compass. Night Runners West Palm Beach's (NRWPB) responsibility is to co-host the twice a month walking club with Compass. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County's (BGC) responsibility is to share Compass' services with their club participants and parents. Planned Parenthood of South, East, and North Florida's (PP) responsibility is to provide education to social support group participants on healthy relationships. Palm Beach Human Rights Council's (PBCHRC) responsibility is to share Compass' services with its members and provide support to Compass as an overall agency. United Way of Palm Beach County's (UWPBC) responsibility is to be</p>
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						our grant funder for our mentoring referrals for youth and mentors seeking LGBTQ services. Families First of Palm Beach County's (FPFBC) responsibility is to share Compass' services with their program participants. Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse's (AVDA) responsibility is to educate Compass program participants on healthy relationships and dating and domestic violence. Vita Nova's responsibility is to share Compass' services with their program participants. Rohi's Readery's responsibility is to co-host the monthly LGBTQ art club with Compass.
5	Debon Campbell	City of Miramar	City of Miramar Southcentral Southeast Focal Point Center - Senior Citizens Program	2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar FL 33025	\$300,000	"Funding will enable the Community Services Department to extend their hours of operation at the Senior Centers and provide additional services for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation services to access healthcare;</li> <li>• Nutrition to include breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack; and</li> </ul>

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and wellness activities.</li> <li>• Recreation, counseling services and socialization for low-income, frail elders 60 years of age and older population.</li> </ul> <p>"</p>
6	Jaene Miranda	Boys and Girls Club of West Palm Beach	Youth Development & Career Readiness Center (K-12) in FL-20 District – West Palm Beach	800 Northpoint Pkwy., Ste 204, West Palm Beach, FL 3307	4million	<p>Construction of a new, state-of-the-art West Palm Beach Boys &amp; Girls Club (WPBBGC) to include learning labs and a Career Readiness Center. Located in an economically distressed, high-crime area of West Palm Beach, the center's services will advance low-income, youth (ages 6 to 18) towards academic achievement, on-time grade advancement and high school graduation, and career readiness. Certified teachers and highly trained youth development instructors work closely with the youth to help them improve their academic performance. The requisite educational programs offer career exploration and skills training in Palm Beach County's high growth</p>

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						industries such as Financial Services & Hedge Funds; Aviation, Aerospace and Engineering; Infotech and Telecommunications; Healthcare; and Culinary/ Hospitality
7	Shane Strum	Broward Health	Broward Health	1600 S Andrews Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316	\$3m	Mobile clinic for mental health, behavioral, breast cancer
8	Marc Hopin	Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Services	Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Services Capital Renovation	5871 Corporate Way Suite 200 West Palm Beach, FL 33407	700k	For the renovation of the facility. It provides counseling and resources for persons with disability
9	Michelle Gonzalez	Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County, Inc.	Stronger Together: Doula Support for Black American Women	4601 Lake Worth Road, Greenacres, FL 33463	\$305,313	For Doula-based project to decrease Black Maternal deaths.
10	Jonathan Evans	Rivera Beach Utility Special District	Rivera Beach Utility Special District New Membrane Water Treatment Plant Project	600 W. Blue Heron Blvd, Rivera Beach, FL 33404	2 million	To design a new membrane water treatment for the city of Rivera Beach to replace the existing system which was completed in 1954
11	Germaine Smith Baugh	Urban League of Broward County	The Village at Oakland Park	560 NW 27 <sup>TH</sup> ave, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311	735K	To secure the process of land acquisition and site planning for new construction of residential units, including homeownership and rental
12	Debon Campbell II	City of Miramar	Public Safety Mental Health Program	2300 Civic Center Place	100k	To ensure trained crisis mental professionals are

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						working in collaboration with law enforcement to reduce deadly encounters.
13	Terri Ferguson	Rivera Beach Cares Homeless Coalition for families	Rivera Beach Cares Homeless Coalition for families	6120 Lake Worth Rd, Lake Worth, FL, 33463, USA(Office in Frankel's district but also serve FL-20 Constituents)	268k	Provide shelter for homeless
14	Commissioner Dennis Grant	City of Lauderhill	Tea Time with Senior- an educational and wellness program	5581 West Oakland Park Blvd, Lauderhill, FL 33313	155,000	To provide wellness and education programs /opportunities to Lauderhill seniors and living stipends up to 1k to those in financial need
15	Peter Routsis-Arroyo <b>(MIKE)</b> Pending	Catholic Legal Charities		Miami	2million	Rental Assistance for low-income families
16	Dr. Charlene R. Ford	School District of Palm Beach County - Glades Region - West Technical Education Center	STEMming Up Agriculture Through Gardening: From Ground to Grocery	2625 NW 16th Street, Belle Glade, FL 33413	353,402.33	STEMming Up Agriculture Through Gardening: From Ground to Grocery
17	Emilie Smith	City of Sunrise	Sunrise Village Art Plaza & Library Square Improvements	10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise, FL 33351	\$2,500,000	"A gathering spot within the public realm will help promote social interaction and a sense of community in East Sunrise. The Art Village Plaza will connect the Village Multipurpose Center and the newly renovated City Park.

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						<p>The Art Plaza will showcase public art displayed by the City and provide a location for festivals and farmers markets for residents. The Art Plaza will be open to all residents and visitors and serve as a potential catalyst for further private investment in the community. The Art Plaza will serve as a place for the community to engage with one another and embrace the arts and culture. The Village Art Plaza will allow the City to: Creative opportunities to build community; create a sense of place; hold signature events such as live music events and art festivals; and attract visitors to the area to boost businesses and economic development in the region.</p> <p>At this time, there are no known risks associated with the project and the estimated timeline. The City owns 95% of the buildings in the area and there have been no concerns with environmental uncertainties. The adjacent property</p>
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						owners have approved the project and provided the City with approval to build adjacent to their property. "
18	Kathleen Gunn	City of Tamarac, Florida	1st Time Homebuyers Assistance Program	7525 NW 88th Ave, Tamarac, FL 33321	\$350,000	Affordable housing is becoming increasingly scarce in the Broward County FL region, and Tamarac remains one of the few places with an affordable housing inventory. The demand for our program continues to increase every year. This year nearly 500 aspiring homeowners submitted applications for our program, which is why this funding request is so important, as it would triple the number of applicants that we can fund.
19	Daphnee A. Sainvil	City of Fort Lauderdale	LauderTrail	100 N. Andrews Avenue; Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301	\$2,028,354	The LauderTrail is a comprehensive multi-use trail system that will safely connect the community to parks, transit locations, local businesses, and family-friendly attractions. The LauderTrail system will improve the overall health and well-being, mobility, life expectancy and economic situation by encouraging residents and visitors

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						<p>to mobilize locally, without the need for vehicular transport. It is statistically proven that the more walkable a neighborhood is, the more residents will feel apt to shop locally, and even increase their life expectancy rate. More specifically - in the neighborhood this project will be constructed - the life expectancy rate is 10 years below the average rate of Fort Lauderdale's downtown area. The City further intends to utilize this trail to close the gap by providing infrastructure that will encourage mobility.</p>
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**Recommended by Mike**

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Name of Project: Stop the Algae

Hemp4Water Inc. A Florida Non-Profit and 501(c)3

steve [REDACTED]

\$5,000,000

Congresswoman Murphy's District.

2. Name of Project: Washington Park Broward County

Spearhead affordable homes of florida 501(c)3

Rickbrown.nha [REDACTED]

\$5,000,000

3. Name of Project: Financial Literacy x Creative Mindset

Community Brainstorming Alliance, Inc. 501(c)3

Witness 3 [REDACTED]

\$1.7 million- 8281 NE 10TH AVE, MIAMI, FL, 33138

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Name of Project: Economically Depressed Region of Palm Beach County.

MorseLife, a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 [REDACTED] @Morselife.org

\$500,000- Not in our district. This is Frankel's district

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# **EXHIBIT 42**

## Short Message Report

Conversations: 1	Participants: 5
Total Messages: 22	Date Range: 4/18/2022

### Outline of Conversations

... **Work Cruise chat** • 22 messages on 4/18/2022 • Desha L [REDACTED] • Mark G  
[REDACTED] Nadege [REDACTED] • System Message  
<SystemMessage> • UNSPECIFIED\_PARTICIPANT

Messages in chronological order (times are shown in GMT +00:00)



Work Cruise chat

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4/18/2022, 3:29 PM

Hosts to thank:

Jodi Davidson- (Rubin Turnbull)

Jonathan Slade

Keith Myers (MorseLife)

TC Wolff

Rene Garcia (Miami-Dade Commissioner)

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# **EXHIBIT 43**



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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

1 MAY 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

It is important for cities to maintain their own water resources to lessen regional impact, and Hemp4Water is an excellent tool in the needed arsenal of approaches to the variety of problems faced by both natural and man-made water bodies. Its non-mechanical and non-chemical approach makes it a solution that allows communities to reach their water cleaning goals in new and creative ways that better reflect the sustainability goals of the residents we exist to serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Sladek".

Megan Sladek  
Oviedo Mayor

## COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HEMP4WATER PROJECT

By D. Duayne Whitehurst

May 21, 2020

### Background

My interest in finding uses for industrial hemp has a long and convoluted history.

During the summer of 1956, between my graduation from Peoria Central High School and my freshman year at Bradley University, I had the opportunity to work on a research project at the USDA National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research: Peoria, IL. The group I participated in was New Crops with a goal of identifying new crops that could be cultivated using conventional farm equipment and could be replacements for crops that were being overproduced.

That study included evaluation of kenaf, *Hibiscus cannabinus*, for use as a fiber for paper manufacture. It was found that the kenaf could generate fibers that could be converted into an exceptional quality paper. This was due to a low quantity of five carbon sugars in the cellulose.

By a strange serendipity I am now interested in a relative of kenaf, industrial hemp, as a means to sequester the nutrients in Florida's fresh waters and prevent the formation of red tide in the Gulf of Mexico. The industrial hemp thus produced must have commercial use. Unfortunately, if all of the nutrients were to be sequestered, the yield of biomass could be larger than can be accommodated by the need for fibers as I will describe below.

In another life, I have been involved in research for 43 years devoted to the production of alternative fuels by conversion of coal and biomass and have authored books and scientific papers on this subject. That work has been honored by several awards and invitations to consult for DOE and several industrial companies on the fundamental science of such transformations. The bottom line is that such conversions are only economic if conducted by simple reactions. Recently pyrolysis of biomass followed by hydrogenative upgrading is being studied throughout the world. I suggest that hydroponic industrial hemp may be an important source of biomass for this application.

### Comments on the Heard Poster and Other Relevant Publications

The poster by J. Heard et.al.<sup>1,2</sup> is very interesting and quite thorough. Much of the data presented is relevant to the present Hemp4Water project<sup>3</sup>. However there are several substantial differences between that study, conducted on land, and the proposed hydroponic cultivation of industrial hemp as a means to sequester nutrients from fresh water sources.

- One significant difference is that the harvesting will be quite different. Harvesting on land leaves the root and some stalk in the ground that is eventually reused in subsequent plantings. Hydroponic procedures will harvest the entire plant. Thus the yields of biomass will be greater than those reported by Heard. The overall consumptions of nutrients will also be greater.

- Another difference between the proposed project and that of Heard, is that the source of the nutrients necessary for plant growth will be undesired materials produced by runoff waters from various natural sources. Cultivation on land requires purchase of fertilizers for optimal crop growth.<sup>4,5,6</sup>
- A possible problem in hydroponic cultivation is the probable lack of symbiotic fungi, *Mycorrhizae*, necessary for phosphate incorporation into the plant roots.<sup>7,8</sup>
- Perhaps the greatest difference between hydroponic cultivation of hemp to sequester nutrients and cultivation of hemp to produce the greatest yields of fiber or seed, will be the optimal time for harvest. In Canada, only one crop per year is possible whereas in Florida, it may be possible to produce multiple crops per year (perhaps as many as than five, as I will discuss below).
- Cultivation on land has the advantage that hemp fibers are isolated on the same area as they are grown. The retting process separates the high quality bast fiber from the low quality hurd or shiv. It requires about 5 weeks. This is not a problem when only one crop per year is available. After retting the stalks have to be dried to less than 15% moisture before fiber isolation. This whole process yields only about 3.5% bast fibers. If hemp is grown hydroponically, additional landmass will be required for retting, drying and processing.<sup>9,10</sup>
- Seed production from hemp requires long maturation times, generally between 70 and 90 days and only yields about 7wt% seed.
- Optimization of nutrient sequestering may produce low quality fiber and little seed but could be an excellent source of biomass for producing biofuels. Several shorter growing cycles could be available to yield much more biomass per acre and extensive drying may not be required. This will be enumerated below.

### Interpretation of the Heard Data

In order to understand the details presented in Heard's poster<sup>1,2</sup>, the raw data had to be extracted from the reported graphs and several assumptions were necessary. It is common for agricultural literature to refer to the phosphorus content as  $P_2O_5$  rather than atomic P which is only 43.64% of  $P_2O_5$ . Similarly, potassium concentration is commonly reported as  $K_2O$  which is only 80.01% potassium. By contrast, nutrient concentrations reported in water analyses are on an atomic mass basis. Thus when comparing analyses from different sources the reported yields of P and K were converted to atomic masses.

Unfortunately, the raw data used to produce the poster was not available. As an alternative, the numerical data was extracted from the reported graphs by reading the values on the Y-axis and tabulating the individual concentrations. Rather than plot dates, the actual number of days of plant maturation were used. A summary of the tabulated data is shown in Tables 1-3.

**Table 1**  
**Observed Biomass Yields**

DATE	6/1/18	6/15/2018	6/29/18	7/13/18	7/27/18	8/10/18	8/24/18	9/7/18
DAY	0	14	28	42	56	70	84	98
Yield	lb/acre	lb/acre	lb/acre	lb/acre	lb/acre	lb/acre	lb/acre	lb/acre
Total Biomass	0	277	831	2769	8308	9877	11631	10892
Seed	0	0	0	0	0	369	646	923
Flower	0	0	0	0	185	369	738	462
Seed + Flower	0	0	0	0	185	738	1385	1385
Stem	0	92	369	1477	6092	7200	8308	7938
Leaf	0	185	462	1292	2031	1846	1662	1200
Fallen Leaf	0	0	0	0	0	92	277	369
Sum Leaf+ Fallen	0	185	462	1292	2031	1938	1938	1569

**Table 2**  
**Observed Nitrogen Yields in Pounds per Acre**

DATE	6/1/18	6/15/2018	6/29/18	7/13/18	7/27/18	8/10/18	8/24/18	9/7/18
DAY	0	14	28	42	56	70	84	98
Total N	0	15	34	85	179	178	175	161
Seed N	0	0	0	0	0	9	15	34
Flower N	0	0	0	0	10	15	25	15
Stem N	0	3	9	33	84	79	76	69
Fallen Leaf N	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	10
Leaf N	0	12	25	52	85	73	52	33

**Table 3**  
**Observed Phosphorus Yields as P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> in Pounds per Acre**

	6/1/18	6/15/2018	6/29/18	7/13/18	7/27/18	8/10/18	8/24/18	9/7/18
DAY	0	14	28	42	56	70	84	98
Total P	0	3	7	18	39	41	43	43
Seed P	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	17
Flower P	0	0	0	0	4	4	5	3
Stem P	0	0	2	9	20	19	18	13
Fallen Leaf P	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Leaf P	0	2	5	9	15	12	9	7

From these data, the % N and P in each plant constituent were calculated at each period of growth as shown in Tables 4 and 5.

**Table 4**  
**Observed %N in Each Component**

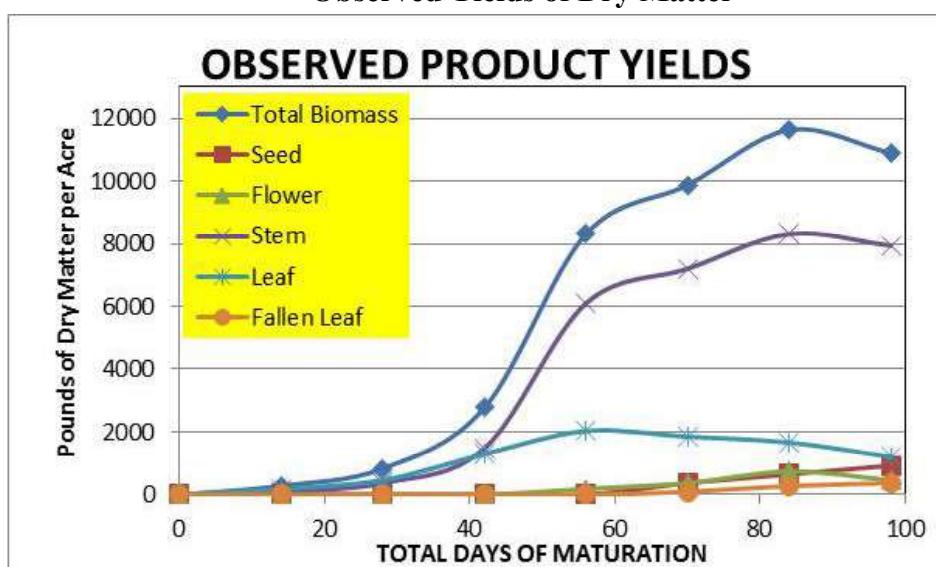
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DAYS	0	14	28	42	56	70	84	98
TOTAL % N	0	5.39	4.13	3.07	2.16	1.80	1.50	1.48
Seed % N	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.43	2.31	3.72
Flower % N	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.66	4.04	3.44	3.23
Stem % N	0	3.23	2.43	2.22	1.37	1.10	0.92	0.86
Fallen Leaf % N	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.16	2.83
Leaf % N	0	6.47	5.50	4.04	4.19	3.96	3.14	2.74

**Table 5**  
**Observed %P in Each Component**

DATE	6/1/18	6/15/2018	6/29/18	7/13/18	7/27/18	8/10/18	8/24/18	9/7/18
DAYS	0	14	28	42	56	70	84	98
TOTAL % P	0.00	1.00	0.79	0.65	0.46	0.41	0.37	0.39
Seed % P	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.32	1.50	1.81
Flower % P	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.07	1.03	0.66	0.75
Stem % P	0.00	0.38	0.56	0.59	0.32	0.27	0.22	0.17
Fallen Leaf % P	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.75
Leaf % P	0.00	1.32	0.98	0.73	0.74	0.66	0.54	0.55

In the Heard poster “Dry Matter Accumulation” graph, it appeared that after August 24 (day 84), the total yield of dry matter declined. This is also shown in the revised data from Table 1 (see Figure 1).

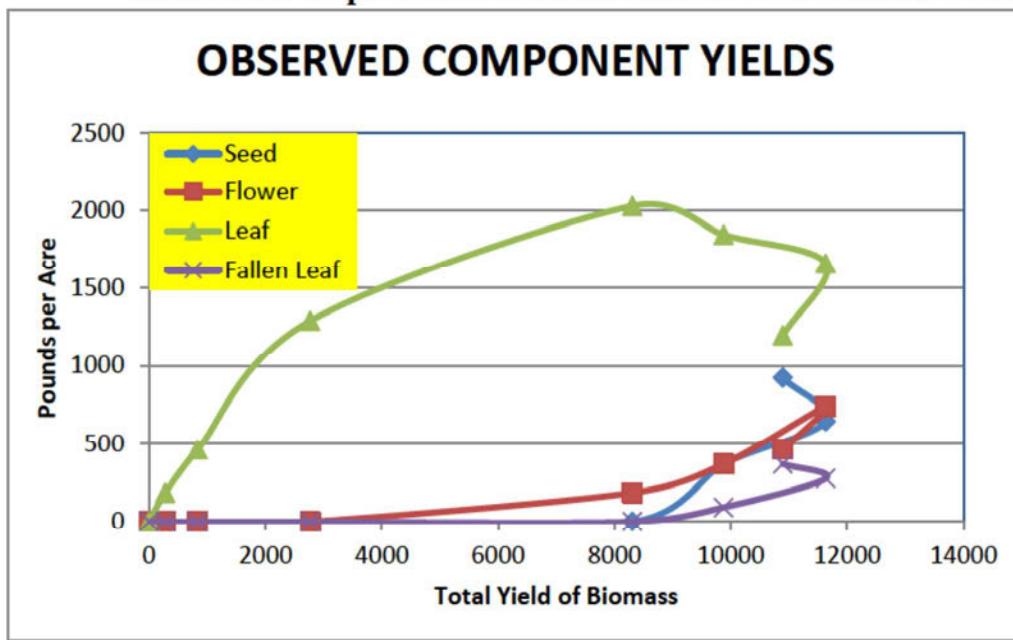
**Figure 1**  
**Observed Yields of Dry Matter**



It is clear that the yield of leaves declines as the plants mature and there is an indication that some loss of yield of stalk also occurs. The yields are reported on a dry mass basis so one wonders how this happens.

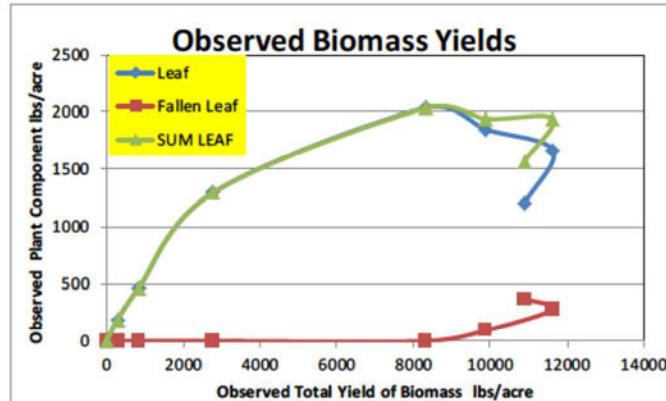
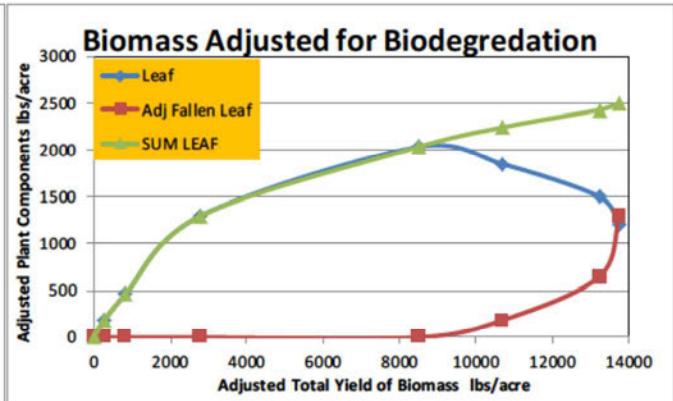
Another way to present the data may help to explain this dilemma. Figure 2 shows some component yields plotted against the total yield that occurred at the various stages of maturation. Plotted in this way the products should exhibit a smooth progression of each individual yield increasing as a function of the summed yields. However the data appear to be erratic.

**Figure 2**  
**Individual Components as a Function of the Total Biomass Yield**



One possible explanation for the strange appearance of the component yields could be that the overall production of total biomass was actually higher than that observed. As all data were reported on a dry mass basis, loss of moisture could not be the explanation. A more reasonable conclusion could be that fallen leaves suffered significant biodegradation so they were under reported.

If one assumes that fallen leaves are biodegraded, then the observed yields would appear low. Following this assumption, the yields of fallen leaves and total biomass were modified to provide plots that looked more reasonable. Compare Figures 3 and 4. The yield of stem also appeared to be slightly low, so this was adjusted as well. The adjusted values used in subsequent discussions are presented in Table 6.

**Figure 3****Figure 4**

**Table 6**  
**Yields of Biomass and Plant Constituents Adjusted for Biodegradation (lbs/Acre)**

DATE	6/1/18	6/15/2018	6/29/18	7/13/18	7/27/18	8/10/18	8/24/18	9/7/18
DAYS	0	14	28	42	56	70	84	98
Total Adj I	0	277	831	2769	8492	10708	13224	13769
Seed+ Flo	0	0	0	0	185	738	1385	1385
Seed	0	0	0	0	0	369	646	923
Flower	0	0	0	0	185	369	738	462
Stem	0	92	369	1477	6092	7200	8308	8500
Leaf	0	185	462	1292	2031	1846	1500	1200
Adj Fallen	0	0	0	0	0	185	647	1300
SUM LEAF	0	185	462	1292	2031	2241	2427	2500

Adjusting the biomass and fallen leaf values required recalculation of the potential yields of sequestered nitrogen and phosphorus. In these calculations, the fallen leaf concentrations of N and P were assumed to be the same as those of the normal leaves.

The recalculated yields are presented in Tables 7 and 8.

**Table 7**  
**Adjusted Yields of Sequestered Nitrogen in Plant Constituents (Lbs/Acre)**

DATE	6/1/18	6/15/2018	6/29/18	7/13/18	7/27/18	8/10/18	8/24/18	9/7/18
DAYS	0	14	28	42	56	70	84	98
TOTAL N Yield	0	15	34	85	183	193	199	204
Calc Total N	0	15	34	85	179	183	184	191
Seed N Yield	0	0	0	0	0	9	15	34
Flower N Yield	0	0	0	0	10	15	25	15
Stem N Yield	0	3	9	33	84	79	76	74
Fallen Leaf N Yield	0	0	0	0	0	7	20	36
Leaf N Yield	0	12	25	52	85	73	47	33
Sum Leaf + Fallen	0	12	25	52	85	80	68	68

**Table 8**  
**Adjusted Yields of Sequestered Phosphorus in Plant Constituents (Lbs/Acre)**

DATE	6/1/18	6/15/2018	6/29/18	7/13/18	7/27/18	8/10/18	8/24/18	9/7/18
DAYS	0	14	28	42	56	70	84	98
TOTAL P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Yield	0	2.8	6.6	18.1	39.4	44.0	49.3	54.0
Seed P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Yield	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	9.7	16.7
Flower P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Yield	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	3.8	4.9	3.5
Stem P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Yield	0	0.3	2.1	8.7	19.8	19.4	18.4	14.1
Fallen Leaf P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Yield	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	3.5	7.1
Leaf P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Yield	0	2.4	4.5	9.4	14.9	12.2	8.2	6.6
Sum Leaf+Fallen P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0	2.4	4.5	9.4	14.9	13.4	11.7	13.7

### Missing Yields

As mentioned above, some losses of sequestered nutrients occurs as leaves fall from the stalk and biodegradation occurs. This is common practice in cultivation of industrial hemp where harvested stalks, seeds and retted nonfibrous materials are plowed back into the soil. Roots are also not recovered. In hydroponic cultivation, the entire plant may be harvested so biomass yields could be significantly greater than field planted hemp.

It has been reported that hemp plants consist of a constant proportion of above ground/below ground ratio of 5.46 and the N content is 1.31%.<sup>11</sup> I could not find the P content of hemp root, but if it is similar to other plant roots, it should be around 0.1%. In future studies, it would be useful to determine the actual values for total root yields, root %N and root %P.

Assuming the literature values are correct, then the root biomass would be 2522 lbs/acre and the total biomass yield in Heard's study would be 16291 lbs/acre. The total N and P incorporated could possibly be higher by 33 and 16 lbs/acre respectively.

## Sequestration of Nutrients With Increasing Maturation

The goal of the Hemp4Water project is to determine the potential for hydroponic industrial hemp to remove nutrients from Florida's fresh water resources. The following discussion addresses some key features of such a process based on Heard's studies and some relevant literature. Not knowing the absolute yield of root biomass or the % N or %P in the roots, this contribution was not included in these discussions.

By separating the individual yields and N and P contents, it is possible to trace the progress of N and P incorporation into the various components reported by Heard. Figures 5 and 6 illustrate how nitrogen is incorporated into the growing hemp as the plant matures.

Figure 5

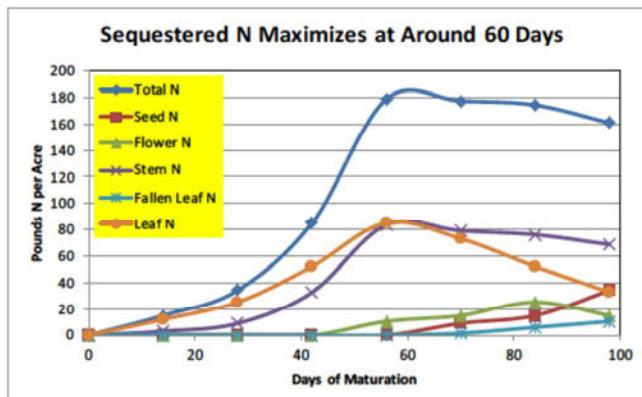
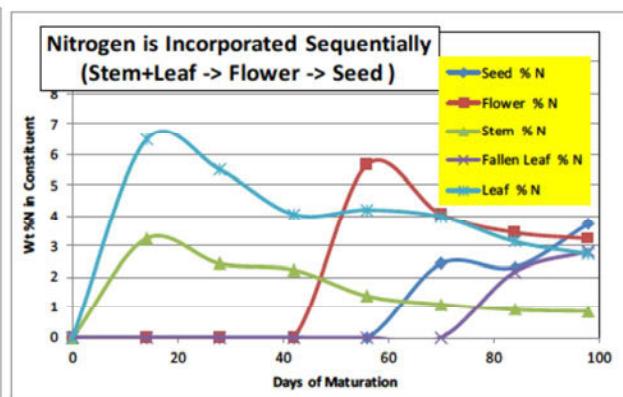


Figure 6



It is interesting to note that the incorporation of N reaches a maximum in about 60 days and there is a systematic progression of N from stalk and seed to flower and then to seed. The values for fallen leaves are only predicted values for the case where the fallen leaves would be harvested prior to biodegradation.

Figures 7 and 8 show similar behaviors for phosphorus as the plants mature and exhibit similar trends. One difference between N and P is that sequestering of phosphorus increases as seeds are produced while sequestered nitrogen is lost.

Figure 7

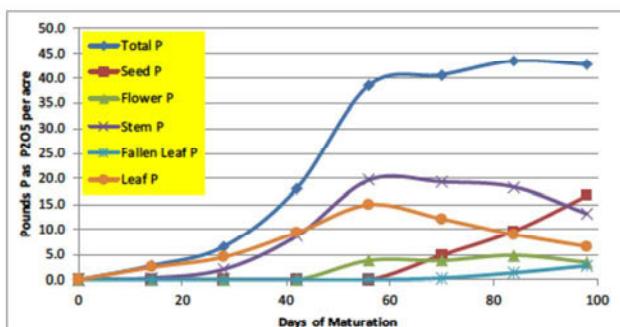
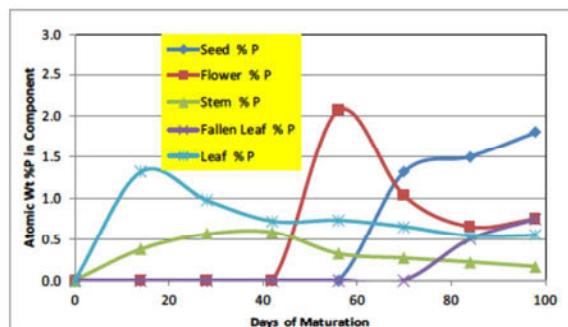


Figure 8



## Potential of Industrial Hemp for Sequestering Nutrients in Florida's Fresh Water Resources

Heard's poster<sup>1,2</sup> provides an excellent background for assessing the potential of hydroponic cultivation of industrial hemp for sequestering unwanted nutrients in Florida's fresh water resources. The mass balance for input and output of biomass, N and P are summarized in Table 9. Note the yields of phosphorus are presented as atomic P. Values in the table include calculations from reported values and estimates for potential yields from hydroponic cultivation. Discussions will concentrate on the reported data.

**Table 9**  
**Mass Balance of Nutrients provided in Fertilizers and Yields in Crop Products**

NUTRIENT/COMPONENT	INPUT (pounds/acre)	OUTPUT (pounds/acre)	POTENTIAL (pounds/acre)
Total Biomass	0	10892	16291
Seed	35	923	923
Nitrogen	16	180	213
Phosphorus	14	18	31
Potassium	108	103	
Sulfur	10	13	

It is surprising that 35 pounds of planted seeds can produce 10,892 pounds of harvested plant matter including 923 pounds of seed. When one considers the potential for nutrient removal, the nutrient supplied for plant growth is substantial but puzzling. Small increases were observed for P and S but the results demonstrate the appropriate application of fertilizer in this study. However N yield was considerably larger than the amount used in the original fertilizer. The potassium yield went through a maximum where 129 pounds of K were observed after 56 days of maturation before flowering or leaf loss commenced. Note the potassium requirement is much larger than that for phosphorus.

Two possible reasons for these observations can be considered. Heard's study did not include analysis of the nutrient content of the soil prior to planting or the soil after the study. Thus some nutrient depletion in the soil could account for some of the observed increases of P and S yields. Another possible reason could be symbiotic nitrogen fixation from bacteria in the soil and/or *Mycorrhizae* fungus in combination with bacteria.<sup>8</sup> Recall that the reported biomass yields did not include root, small amounts of stalk or biodegraded leaves.

If one assumes that hydroponic growth of hemp offers the same yield/time behavior as Heard's reported field data, then it is possible to estimate the balance between the influx of unwanted fresh water nutrients and sequestered nutrients by the plants.

There are several excellent references for the concentration of nutrients in Florida's fresh waters and the volumetric flow rates of various locations.<sup>12-17</sup> Unfortunately the reported data vary widely from report

to report and year to year. Each report presents the data in different units, which makes comparisons difficult. In Table 10, the data were recalculated so they could be compared on the same unit basis. Water flows are presented cubic feet/year, N and P values are presented in pounds per year.

**Table 10**

**Annual Water Flow Rates and Nutrient Loads for Okeechobee Influx at S-77**

Reference	Influx Rate $10^{10}$ Cubic Feet/Year	Nitrogen Load $10^6$ Pounds/year	Phosphorus Load $10^6$ Pounds/year
12 Table 6	3.79	2.48	0.105
12 Table 3		2.39	0.099
12 p15 regulatory	8.20		
13 Fig 6			0.503
14 Table p2		7.00	
15 Table ES-1	1.47	1.31	0.129
16 Table 6.3-4	4.25	4.29	0.229

Annual flow rates and nutrient loads at S-79, the exit of the Caloosahatchee River are about 3 times larger.<sup>12-16</sup> For the present discussion, only the situation at S-77 will be considered using the values reported in reference 12.

Considering first the nutrient contents along Caloosahatchee Waterway, a map of the various locations is presented in Figure 9, taken from reference 12,

**Figure 9**  
**The Caloosahatchee River Watershed**

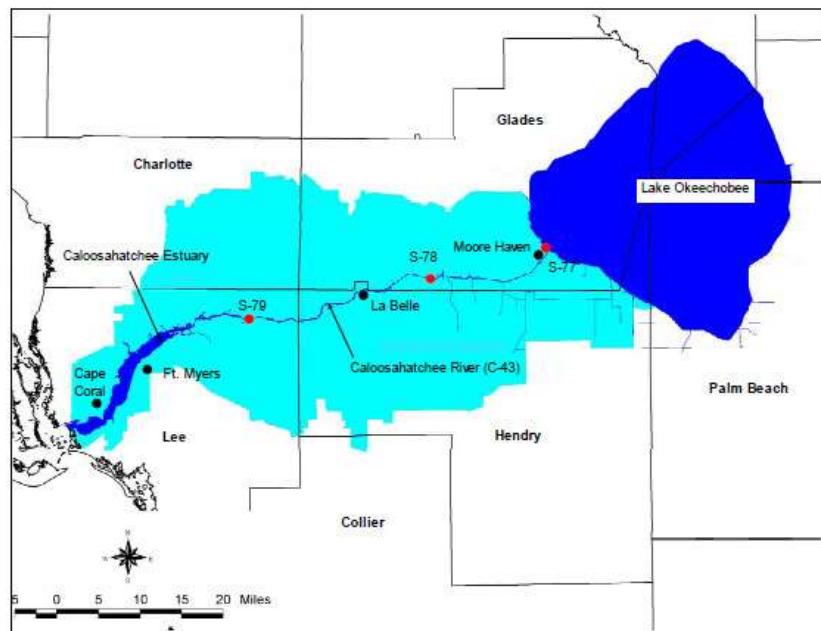


Figure 10, shows the progression of nutrient concentrations from the exit of Lake Okeechobee (S-77) to the entrance of the Caloosahatchee Estuary (S-79). Units presented in this graph are expressed in pounds/year for ease in comparison to the yields shown in Table 9.<sup>14</sup> Cultivation areas may also be expressed as square miles. The conversion factors used in subsequent discussions are the following.

1 acre = 0.0015625 square miles    160 acres = 0.25 square miles

1 hectare = 2.47105 acres = 0.00386102 square miles

1 metric ton = 2200 pounds

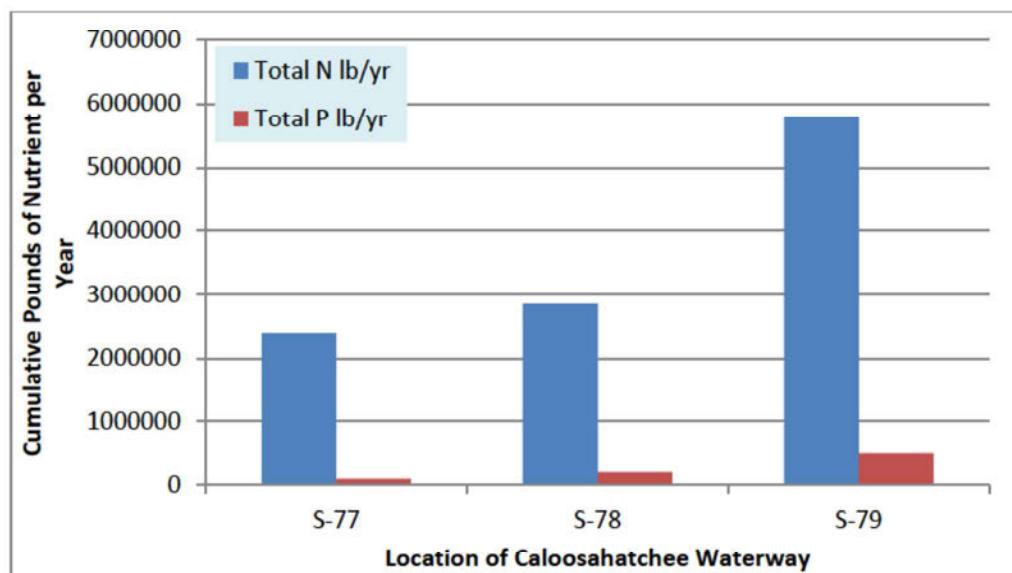
1 acre-foot = 43559.9 cubic feet

1 mg/l = 1 part per million weight = 1000 parts per billion weight

1 cubic foot/sec =  $0.00316 \times 10^{10}$  cubic feet/year

**Figure 10**

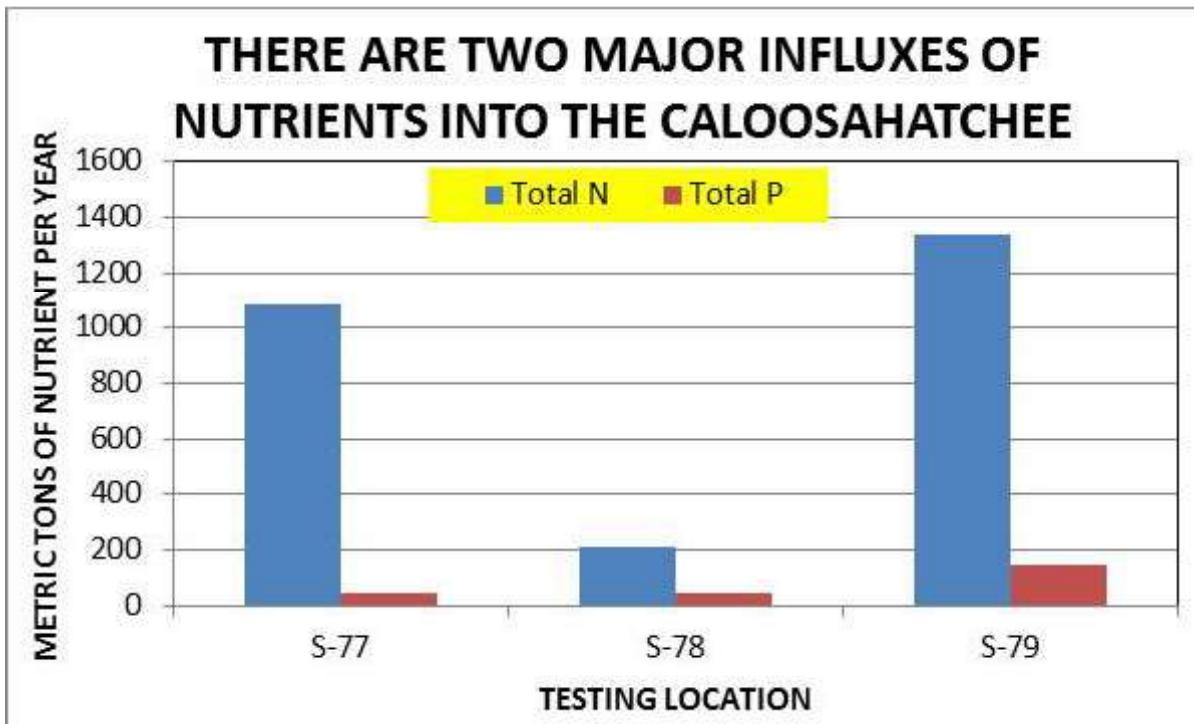
**Nutrient Influx into the Caloosahatchee Waterway**



When considering a location for nutrient sequestering it should be noted that this profile is not smooth. Figure 11 shows that there are two major nutrient sources into this waterway so removal of nutrients may require two sites.

**Figure 11**

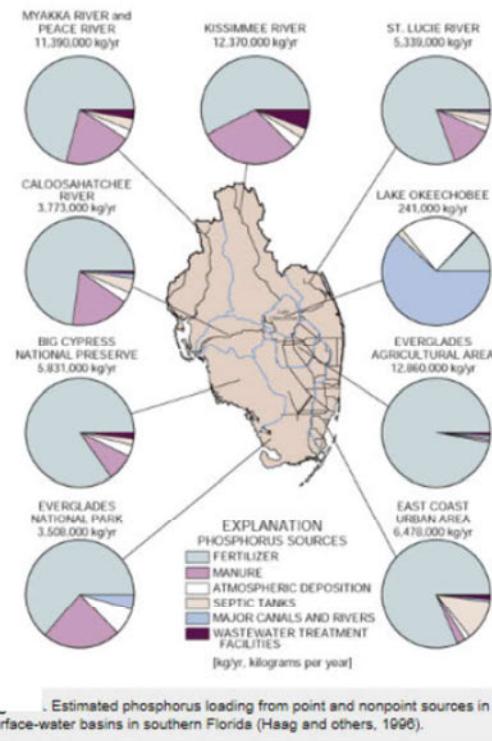
**Individual Nutrient Influxes into the Caloosahatchee Waterway**



Phosphorus may be the most important nutrient to remove if some microbe fixes atmospheric nitrogen in the waters, thus regenerating the nutrient contamination. The sources of phosphorus that enter the southern Florida watershed are well described in reference 13.

An illustration of these sources is taken from reference 13 and presented in Figure 12.

**Figure 12**  
**Nutrient Concentrations in Ground Water are Highly Variable<sup>13</sup>**



Estimated phosphorus loading from point and nonpoint sources in surface-water basins in southern Florida (Haag and others, 1996).

Considering first the possible sequestration of nutrients at the exit of Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee Waterway, the quantity of total N and P nutrients that would have to be sequestered is 2.48 and 0.105 million pounds per year respectively. Heard reported a cultivation period of 98 days and required 160 acres in order to remove 25,760 and 6832 pounds of N and P respectively.

If one 98 day cultivation cycle is considered, the amount of N that should be sequestered is 1,152,367 pounds and that of P should be 61,703 pounds. To balance the amount supplied and amount sequestered the cultivation area would have to be 11.2 square miles for 100% of the nitrogen and 2.3 square miles for 100% of the phosphorus.

If the hemp were to be harvested in 60 days, before flowering and leaf loss, the areas required for cultivation could be lowered. The yield of sequestered N would be higher (28657 pounds) and the yield of P would be slightly lower (6167 pounds). So the required cultivation areas to remove 100% of the N and P would be 6.2 and 1.5 square miles respectively.

At first glance these scenarios seem feasible. However, the fresh water flow rates must also be considered. The average discharge rate of Lake Okeechobee at S-77 is 734 cubic feet/second.<sup>12</sup> That results in 3.81 billion cubic feet of water in 60 days and 6.21 billion cubic feet of water in 98 days.

An area of 6.2 square miles filled with water to a depth of one foot would represent a volume of only 0.173 billion cubic feet. So such an area would be sufficient to accommodate the average influx of water from Lake Okeechobee.

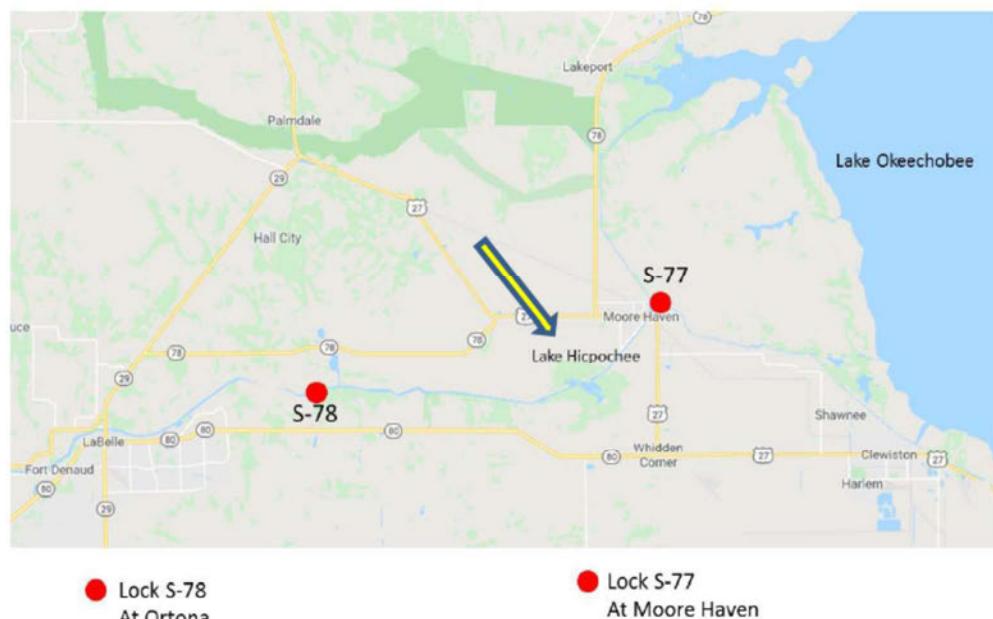
The regulatory release of water during rainy seasons at S-77 is 2600 cubic feet/second, so the cultivation areas would have to be 3.5 times larger but still may be feasible. But where would such areas be found? Lake Okeechobee's area is 730 square miles so partitioning off 6.2 square miles may be possible but larger areas could be problematic. Location of a cultivation area within the Caloosahatchee Waterway is not feasible as the large area required would impede boat traffic.

An alternative could be to identify a wetland area that water exiting Lake Okeechobee could be diverted to a reservoir adjacent to the Caloosahatchee Waterway where water cleanup by sequestering nutrients with hydroponic hemp cultivation could be conducted. Lake Hicpochee is a potential candidate. It is presently a wetland swamp on the Caloosahatchee Canal. Figure 13 shows the location and Figure 14 presents a satellite blowup of the wetland area. The yellow oval indicates an area that would be 11 square miles, which is in line with the desired area for hydroponic cultivation.

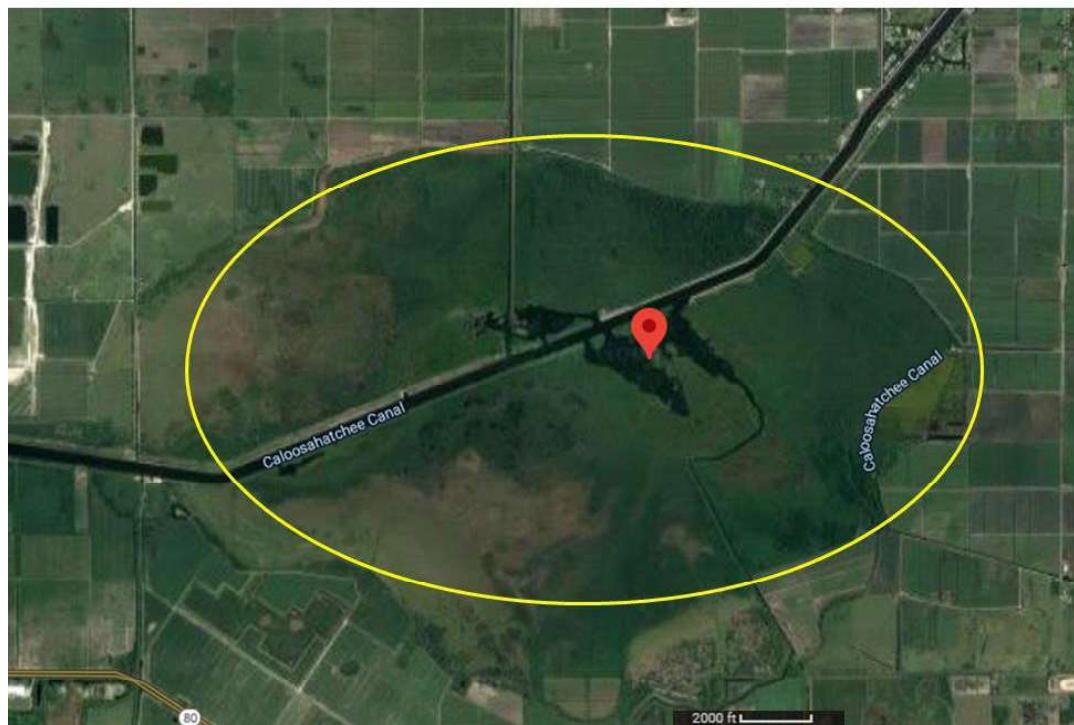
Presently there is a project in the Hicpochee Wetland (Lake Hicpochee Shallow Storage and Hydrologic Enhancement Project) that is under construction, with a goal of providing additional storage of water from the Caloosahatchee River and to improve the water quality in the downstream canal. This project could be a match with the Hemp4Water project.

**Figure 13**

**Lake Hicpochee is Wetland Swamp on the Caloosahatchee Waterway**



**Figure 14**  
**Lake Hicpochee Wetland Area**



### **Utilization of the Biomass Produced by Hydroponic Cultivation of Industrial Hemp**

One goal of hydroponic cultivation of industrial hemp is to remove nutrients from Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee Waterway. This would reduce the growth of toxic freshwater algae and inhibit the formation of red tide in the Gulf of Mexico. Such reductions would be a great benefit to the health of Floridians<sup>17</sup> and to Florida's tourist industry. The question remains: how would the produced biomass be utilized?

If the nutrients were to be completely removed near S-77 or S-70, there would be a huge volume of biomass that would result. The stoichiometric yields of biomass for complete removal of nutrients in a single growing cycle is shown in Table 11.

**Table 11**  
**Yield of Biomass in a Single Growing Cycle**

Location	60 days @ 6.2mi <sup>3</sup>	98 days @ 11.2mi <sup>3</sup>
S-77	3968 metric tons	7168 metric tons
S-79	9600 metric tons	17300 metric tons

However, unlike the Canadian study, Florida has a climate that would allow cultivation of more than one crop per year. This would be desirable in order to remove nutrients throughout the entire year. For example five 60 day cycles could yield about 20,000 Metric tons of biomass per year. If 60 day cycles are to be considered, then the product biomass would not include any seed and only low quality fiber for conventional hemp utilization. Finding a market for such quantities of low value fibers seems unreasonable.

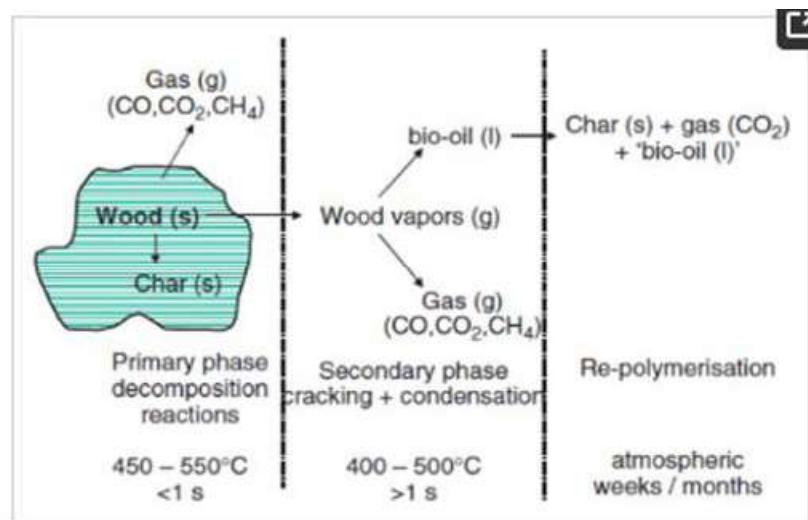
Some studies have been done on biodiesel production from hemp seed, but the yield of seed is low and cultivation times are long. Biodiesel produced in this way has been said<sup>19</sup> to be competitive with other seed crops such as soybean, sunflower, peanut or rapeseed but overall the productivity is quite low. Typically hemp seed contains 30% oil and it has been estimated that the yield of biodiesel from industrial hemp would be about 300 gallons of biodiesel per acre.<sup>19</sup> This may be slightly optimistic. Heard's study observed a seed yield of only about 6.7% and required 98 days of maturation. So in the 6 sq mi scenario above, the yield of oil would only be about 1100 barrels of oil (compared to reference 19 estimate of 1300 barrels). The maturation required 98 days to provide that yield. Figure 1 shows that no seed is produced in the first 60 days of cultivation so fewer cultivation cycles would be possible if 98 days were required for seed production.

Enzymatic hydrolysis of hemp stalk followed by fermentation to produce ethanol and/or methanol has been suggested,<sup>19</sup> but this route is quite involved and would be expensive.

By contrast, there are numerous studies throughout the world on the conversion of biomass to biofuels. The most economic conversion for low value biomass such as hemp is pyrolysis.<sup>20-23</sup> Common biomass starting materials include wood, grass, peat, crop stalks, leaves and municipal solid waste. Pyrolysis of industrial hemp has been investigated in the past<sup>23</sup> but has not been considered as a byproduct of nutrient removal.

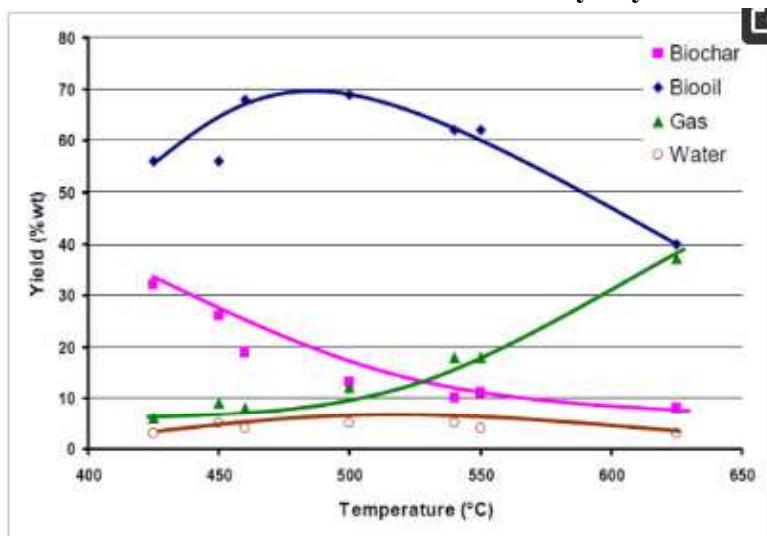
Typically, biomass pyrolysis consists of several sequential and parallel reactions, as shown in Figure 15. This illustration is taken from reference 22.

**Figure 15**  
**Typical Reactions that Occur During Pyrolysis of Biomass**



Typical product yields reported in reference 22 are reproduced in Figure 16.

**Figure 16**  
**Yield Distribution From Biomass Pyrolysis**



The actual yields depend greatly on the pyrolysis procedure and oil yields can vary widely as shown below.<sup>22</sup>

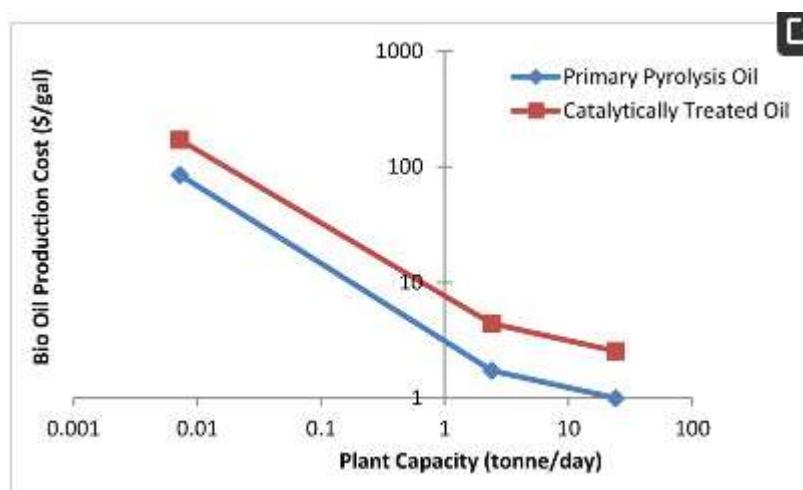
Pyrolysis Process	Solid Residence Time (s)	Heating Rate (K/s)	Particle Size (mm)	Temp. (K)	Product Yield (%)		
					Oil	Char	Gas
Slow	450–550	0.1–1	5–50	550–950	30	35	35
Fast	0.5–10	10–200	<1	850–1250	50	20	30
Flash	<0.5	>1000	<0.2	1050–1300	75	12	13

Further, the typical pyrolysis oils contain 6 to 8% oxygen, about 0.4% nitrogen and high ppm levels of phosphorus.<sup>22,24</sup> Such compositions are not acceptable in marketable diesel fuels and substantial upgrading by catalytic hydroprocessing is required. The high N and P levels in typical biomass pyrolysis oils present major obstacles in upgrading because of severe catalyst deactivation.<sup>24</sup>

Some recent research has found that a modified pyrolysis procedure can produce oils which contain significantly lower amounts of nitrogen and less char byproduct.<sup>24</sup> A key to this improvement is the presence of catalytic amounts of alkali metal salts in the plant matter. Potassium is an exceptional catalyst and Heard reported that the potassium content of growing hemp maximizes at around 60 days maturation.<sup>3</sup> So shorter cultivation cycles could be beneficial in this application.

The scale of combined nutrient sequestration with harvested biomass pyrolysis could provide an economically favorable co-process. Reported studies for converting rice hulls to fuel showed that economics became favorable as the plant capacity increased beyond 10 tons per day as illustrated in Figure 14.<sup>22</sup> As discussed above, the biomass yield in 60 day cultivation cycles would be in the order of 10 tons per day. At 50% yield each 60 day cycle would produce 15,000 barrels of diesel fuel.

**Figure 14**  
**Conversion of Rice Hulls by Pyrolysis and Upgrading Becomes Economic at Large Scale<sup>22</sup>**



## Summary

There appears to be a reasonable potential for combining nutrient sequestration from Florida's contaminated fresh water resources with pyrolysis/upgrading of the produced biomass to marketable

fuels. Hydroponic cultivation of industrial hemp for this application is a viable candidate for such a combined process.

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**From:** Bell, Holly  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 8:28 AM  
**To:** Steve Edmonds  
**Subject:** Hemp Pilot Program

To whom it may concern,

Hemp for Water under the leadership of Steve Edmonds, has partnered with South Florida State College to conduct a highly successful hemp pilot program. The study is unlike all other pilot programs, with a focus on the environmental benefits of hemp. Not only do they clean water, but look at carbon foot print reduction and soil remediation.

The hard work and results of this invaluable study will benefit many for years to come.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out anytime.

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Hemp4Water Inc., A Florida Non Profit 501(c)3  
1022 Vannessa Drive, Oviedo FL 32765

EIN: 84-3603710

Re: FY2023 Community Project Funding

Project Title: Stop the Algae

Total Amount Requested: \$5,000,000.00

Budget breakdown:

Research headquarters – land and build out \$300,000

Truck 4x4 with winch and tow package x 2 - \$150,000

Shallow draw boat and trailer - \$45,000

ATV and trailer - \$25,000

Professional and Legal fees and expenses \$200,000

Administration and Staff – \$400,000

Tools and Supplies - \$480,000

BioHaven™ Biomats – a square kilometer worth. - \$3,500,000

Total \$5,000,000

District 20 faces a few urban challenges when it comes to water. Most specifically storm water, reclaimed and storage. Hemp4Water would be most utilized in the storm water space or open storage/treatment. Any collector body of water that receives run-off is going to have high levels of nutrients and other materials that will need to be removed before use of introduction to other bodies of water. Hemp4Water can do that without mechanics or chemicals.

See attached 3 community support letters.

Thank you.

Steve Edmonds

steve-[REDACTED]

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Apr 26, 2022 at 6:50 PM

Hey! Just tried calling you back.

Hey call me back when you can

Apr 29, 2022 at 1:24 PM

Afternoon. Tried calling you regarding appropriations. Please call me ASAP!

Apr 29, 2022 at 4:01 PM

Hey! Just called you back

Apr 29, 2022 at 5:49 PM

Check WhatsApp

Got it!

FYI ... the budget should reflect \$1 million. I can send you the guidelines for this account (\$500,000-\$1,000,000 max)

Can you get me one more support letter?

No



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No

That's it

Ok ... thanks!

Regarding the budget, can I get a revised for \$1m? Thanks!

That's the scoop of the project

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Ok

May 11, 2022 at 5:21PM

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Johnathan Slade

Jun 2, 2022 at 12:50 PM

Hey there! Can you remind me of your personal email?

Michaeljosephpa...

Thanks

Jun 8, 2022 at 7:46 PM

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Michael >

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Hey there! Can you remind me of  
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Michaeljosephpa

Thanks

Jun 8, 2022 at 7:46 PM

Hi -- sorry for the delay. It's been  
crazy back to back since we got  
off the phone.

Johanna has also been in  
meetings all day, but she was able  
to share that the approved  
community funding projects are  
listed here.

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Why did you guys lie?



Text Message





January 7, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

The South Florida State College District Board of Trustees endorses hemp exploration through the hosting of an applied research pilot project. We clearly see the economic benefits of hemp to our agricultural region. There are numerous opportunities for the advancement of hemp as an industrial crop, and we realize early experimentation with the beneficial uses needs to occur before widespread expansion is embraced.

At the District Board of Trustees meeting on November 20, 2019, the Board gave its unanimous endorsement during the President's Report after a briefing on the potential involvement of faculty and students in various applied research phases. College officials have assured the Board that they will operate in full compliance with the requirements and operations during the phases of the research project.

South Florida State College is excited about exploring the opportunities that the hemp industry could bring to the rural agricultural counties in the college's service district. Further, the economic and environmental benefits of agricultural hemp could translate into massive environmental benefits through water quality experiments along Florida's ridge and through the biomass opportunities that future growers of hemp could realize. The benefits to the State of Florida are huge, with the addition of a new \$35 Billion agricultural crop.

Any questions or concerns could be addressed to me through the Office of the President at South Florida State College. The entire District Board of Trustees is pleased to provide an endorsement to the early phases of industrial hemp research.

Sincerely,

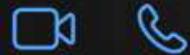
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Tamela Cullens, Chair  
SFSC District Board of Trustees

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Michael Joseph



Apr 29, 2022

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January 7, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

The South Florida State College District Board of Trustees endorses Hemp exploration through the funding of an applied research pilot project. We clearly see the economic and social benefits of hemp and believe there are many opportunities for the advancement of hemp as an industrial crop, and we realize many opportunities with the harvested uses needs to occur before widespread expansion is embraced.

All the District Board of Trustees meeting on November 26, 2019, the Board gave its

unanimous endorsement of funding the pilot project for the District Board of Trustees to consider.



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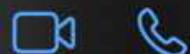
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January 7, 2020

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I am calling from the office of  
Rep. Cherfilus McCormick.  
Could you please give me a call  
at your earliest convenience?

Regards,

Staffer

Apr 27, 2022 at 1:27 PM

This is [REDACTED] Staffer [REDACTED] I am  
with the Office of  
Congresswoman Sheila  
Cherfilus-McCormick. Could  
you please provide us with EIN  
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