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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

April 30, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 2413 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lake Conway Floodwater Mitigation Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Belle Isle, located at 1600 Nela Avenue, Orlando Florida 32809. The funding would be used to fund the study, design, and construction of floodwater mitigation efforts around Lake Conway. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is a public works project. Belle Isle is relatively flat, so water builds up and does not drain properly. The requested funding would provide stormwater improvements that will address the flooding and protect life and property.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Darren Soto

Member of Congress