



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 St. Cloud Emergency Operations Center Equipment project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Cloud, FL, located at 1309 9th Street, St. Cloud, Florida 34769. The funding would be used to install critical public safety communication and emergency management technological equipment. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project is a public safety project. The project will provide the St. Cloud Police Department with funding to purchase critical public safety communication and emergency management technological equipment, which will improve officer safety, enhance community relations, and increase security for citizens and area visitors.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darren Soto".

Darren Soto
Member of Congress