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

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Polk County Children and Pedestrian Safety project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Polk County, located at 330 West Church Street, Bartow, Florida 33830.

The funding would be used to reconstruct sidewalks to make Polk County safer for pedestrians, specifically along high traffic roads used as bus stops for children in Poinciana, a historically disadvantaged community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve children/pedestrian safety.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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