



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

April 30, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the St. Cloud Police's Pedestrian Barricade Safety Equipment project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the St. Cloud Police Department, located at 4700 Neptune Road, St. Cloud, Florida 34769. The funding would be used to purchase safety equipment to protect police and the public. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project is for the purchase of equipment needed for local law enforcement to respond more quickly and effectively, 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