



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

May 16, 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 Lake Conway Floodwater Mitigation Project in fiscal year 2026. 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,

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

Darren Soto
Member of Congress