



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

May 12, 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 BuenaVentura Lakes Stormwater project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners, located at 1 Courthouse Square, Suite 4700, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. The funding would be used to expand a stormwater pond, remove, or modify control structures to lower the pond control elevation to provide more stormwater capacity, and upgrading pipes and other control structures. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this is a public works project. The project will benefit a moderate-to-low-income community encompassing approximately 3,610 acres with 10,822 residential homes and 2,030 acres of commercial development. The stormwater system within Buenaventura Lakes was designed in the late 1970s. Major storms events have led to significant street and repetitive home flooding within the community. 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