



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 Poinciana Sidewalk Expansion project in fiscal year 2026. 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 is a public improvement project that will improve pedestrian safety.

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