



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

May 16, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Valencia College Outdoor Learning project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Valencia College Osceola Campus, located at 1800 John Denn Lane, Kissimmee, Florida 34744. The funding would be used to install infrastructure design features and improvements, as well as reconstruct and improve adjacent lawn area to ensure proper drainage for an outdoor learning area for Valencia College students. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is a public improvement project. This project will provide outdoor learning space fostering additional educational opportunities for students.

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