



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

March 18, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, 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 Belle Isle Flood Water Mitigation Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Belle Isle, located at 1600 Nela Avenue, Orlando, FL 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