



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 Orange County Sheriff's Office's Central Florida Emergency Relief Equipment project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Orange County Sheriff's Office, located at 2500 W Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida 32804. The funding would be used to purchase emergency relief equipment to lead or supplement emergency relief response efforts locally as well as anywhere within the state of Florida. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project is for the purchase of technology and equipment needed for local law enforcement to reduce loss of life, protect property, and accelerate community recovery in the event of a storm or emergency.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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