



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 Whitted Neighborhood Property Acquisition and Community Improvements project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Osceola County Board of County Commissioners, located at 1 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741. The funding would be used to acquire property in a historically disadvantaged area. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is for land acquisition.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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