



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

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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 Valencia College Outdoor Learning project in fiscal year 2027. 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