



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0916

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3 million in funding for the Hillsborough County Government. This funding is for construction of a new recharge well site in the Upper Floridan Aquifer. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as these sites are critical to the beneficial use of reclaimed water and help support the goal of achieving zero discharge to surface waters. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in these projects, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vern Buchanan".

Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress