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House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-0916

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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 \$2.9 million in funding for the Manatee County Government located at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton 34205. This funding is for the Gateway Greenway Rails to Trails project. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it allows for the completion of planning, design, permitting, and construction for Gateway Greenway segments connecting the Lincoln Park in Palmetto, FL, to Parrish along county road rights of way, Florida Power & Light railroad track right of way and utility corridors where available.

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

Vern Buchanan Member of Congress

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