



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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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 \$1,211,100 million in funding for the Manatee Children's Services. Manatee Children's Services is located at 1227 9th Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, 34205. This funding is for enhancing delivery of abuse exams with new medical equipment; streamlining operations, reduce administrative burdens, and make services more efficient through updated technology; improve quality and safety with new transportation and security equipment; and increase agency long-term sustainability by reducing ongoing expenses such as staff laptops and building furniture. This is an appropriate use of federal funds as it would benefit approximately 1,500 child abuse victims and their families each year in all Manatee County area codes with new equipment that will significantly enhance the lifesaving services they receive at the Child Advocacy Center.

The project has a federal nexus because of section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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