



Congress of the United States
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. 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,

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

Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress