



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 \$3 million in funding for the University of South Florida located at 8350 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243. This funding will create a new Center for Entrepreneurship on its Sarasota-Manatee campus. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as USF will use the funds to modify existing space on its Sarasota-Manatee campus to create a world-class entrepreneurship space for students as well as entrepreneurs and small business professionals. This project has a clear economic development benefit for a community or region, such as workforce training centers. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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