



**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 \$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. 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,

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

Vern Buchanan  
Member of Congress