



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 Hillsborough County Government. This funding will support converting septic tanks/low-pressure sewer systems currently in service in the Wimauma Community to a vacuum sewer system, which will improve residential wastewater service. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as this project has long-term benefits for the County and for nearby waterbodies that have been subjected to nutrient loading from septic tanks. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in these projects, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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

Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress