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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Addressing the Opioid Epidemic in Pasco, Hernando, Citrus Counties with Modeling and Decision-Making Tools in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of South Florida (USF), located at 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL 33620. The funding would be used to develop advanced simulation modeling and decision support tools that will help law enforcement and local governments more effectively allocate resources to prevent opioid and other drug overdose deaths. It would build models tailored to communities in Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus Counties. The funding would support personnel, data analysis and acquisition, utilization training for local agencies, computing equipment and software, and travel to coordinate with law enforcement and public health partners.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,



Member of Congress