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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Collier County PACE Center for Girls, Security and Safety Technology Project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is PACE Center for Girls, Inc., 150 N 1st St, Immokalee, FL 34142. The funding would be used for security technology hardening upgrades to the exterior of the facility, like security cameras, exterior door locks, staff key card systems.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it will improve community safety and hardening measures by allowing faculty to focus on early intervention services for at-risk girls across the county. Thus, achieving long-term socio-economic independence, breaking multigenerational cycles of poverty and trauma, and reducing recidivism in the community

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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

Sincerely,



Mario Diaz-Balart
Member of Congress

