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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 25, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **CraneRIDES** project in the fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **City of Altamonte Springs**, located at 225 Newburyport Ave, Altamonte Springs, FL, 32071.

This funding would provide for six autonomous vehicles to serve the expansion of CraneRIDES, an ongoing program launched by Altamonte Springs and the Florida Department of Transportation. The route would connect existing and proposed redevelopment of over 6,000 multi-family units, nearly 6 million square feet of retail, office, and medical office uses, the largest hospital in Seminole County with 550 beds plus advanced medical services, 500 hotel rooms, and the event venue space, which hosts more than 1 million annual visitors. The vehicles to be purchased with this project grant are necessary to effectively serve these projects and businesses. Additionally, these vehicles will allow the State to evaluate the effective deployment of private sector vehicles.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds through investment in technologies that promote public safety, efficiency, and innovation. Autonomous vehicles have the potential to improve transportation infrastructure, reduce traffic accidents, and enhance mobility for individuals with disabilities. Investing in such technologies aligns with the government's mandate to promote the general welfare and ensure the nation's competitiveness in a rapidly evolving technological landscape.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cory Mills".

Cory Mills  
Member of Congress