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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-305, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **17-92 Underground all Overhead Power Project** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of DeBary**, located at 16 Colomba Road DeBary, FL 32713.

The funding would be used to harden critical utility infrastructure along U.S. 17-92, enhancing hurricane resilience and reducing the risk of prolonged power outages. By converting overhead lines to underground, DeBary will protect essential services, improve roadway safety, and support future transportation improvements. As U.S. 17-92 is a regional thoroughfare, this investment benefits not only DeBary but neighboring communities and regional commerce as well, aligning with state and federal goals for resilient infrastructure.

Federal support for this project is an appropriate use of taxpayer resources as it addresses national priorities related to infrastructure resilience and disaster mitigation. By reinforcing power delivery systems in a hurricane-prone region, this project protects public safety and economic stability.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

**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