April 28, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Pediatric Vision Center in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lions Eye Institute for Transplant and Research Foundation located at 1410 North 21st Street, Tampa, FL 33605

The funding would be used to create and construct the Pediatric Vision Center (PVC), a state-of-the-art facility that will provide comprehensive vision services for children who otherwise lack access to such services. Today, more than 25% of children have some form of eye disease, with even higher rates of occurrence among communities of color and those living in low-socioeconomic conditions. PVC will provide vision screenings, comprehensive eye exams, and other clinical services to meet the vision needs of children and help eradicate the silent epidemic of undiagnosed/untreated eye disease.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN