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

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rose 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 City of Palestine, Texas Police Department project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Palestine, Texas Police Department, located at 511 N John St Palestine, Texas 75801. The funding would be used for 12 L3Harris BNVD-1531 Night Vision Goggles, 12 Wilcox G24 Helmet Mounts, and 12 EOTech OGL (On-Gun Laser) Systems. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the acquisition of night vision equipment will significantly enhance operational effectiveness during low-light and night-time deployments, when many high-risk incidents occur. This capability will allow operators to detect and assess threats more effectively, reduce response times, and increase precision in rapidly evolving situations. Most importantly, it will improve the safety of the citizens of District 6, ERT personnel, and all law enforcement partners involved in these operations. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,

Jake Ellzey  
Member of Congress

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