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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  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Jacksonville Police Department project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Jacksonville, Texas Police Department located at 911 S. Bolton Street, Jacksonville, Texas 75766. The funding would be used for the acquisition of one armored rescue vehicle and the development of a regional unmanned aerial systems (UAS) response capability supported by two mobile drone response vehicles. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this will directly enhance public safety capabilities within Texas' 6th Congressional District by providing a regionally deployable armored rescue platform and aerial response capability for Cherokee County and surrounding rural communities. The equipment will support law enforcement and emergency response operations across jurisdictional boundaries through existing mutual aid agreements.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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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