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

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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 Arlington, Texas Police Department's Drone as First Responder project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Arlington, Texas Police Department, located at 101 West Abram Street, Arlington, TX 76010. The funding would be used for five responder drones with station and the software and equipment subscription for 5 years. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow Arlington to build on and sustain the DFR program infrastructure through a five-year subscription and support period. By continuing to invest in technology that reduces response times, improves decision-making, and enables more efficient deployment of personnel, the Arlington DFR system can continue to save lives and strengthen community trust.

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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