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

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Venus, Texas Variable Message Speed Radar Trailer Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Venus, Texas, located at 700 W US Highway 67 Venus, Texas 76084

The funding would be used for the purchase of a Variable Message Speed Radar Trailer.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the trailer would be used to help control speeding and for public communication of events and emergencies. In Johnson County, Texas, during 2022, there were 41 traffic fatalities. Speed-related incidents accounted for a significant portion of serious traffic accidents in the state, emphasizing the importance of initiatives aimed at managing and reducing speeds on the roads. Implementing a radar trailer in the City of Venus could serve as an effective tool to monitor and curtail speeding, potentially reducing the incidence of fatal and serious accidents on local highways.

Funding is for activities consistent with, and supportive of, the Office of Justice Programs' mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Ellzey', written over a faint blue circular stamp.

Jake Ellzey
Congressman, Texas 6th District