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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,500,000 in Community Project Funding for El Camino College's South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Center Project in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is El Camino College, located at 16007 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, CA 90506.

The funding would be used to acquire state-of-the-art training props and equipment, including specialized water rescue equipment, which is essential for the training of entry-level and advanced law enforcement and public safety personnel. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address a critical training gap in the South Bay region, provide realistic yet safe water rescue training, and prepare law enforcement and public safety personnel for diverse emergency scenarios.

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) (Byrne Justice Grants).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,700,000 in Community Project Funding for the Gardena Community Safety and Auto Theft Reduction Project in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Gardena, located at 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena, CA 90247.

The funding would be used by the City of Gardena to modernize and expand its public safety technology infrastructure, including camera systems and technology upgrades, traffic safety technology and enforcement systems, and community safety software upgrades. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these investments are designed to reduce crime, strengthen community trust, improve officer safety, and increase operational efficiency for the Police Department.

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)) (COPS Technology and Equipment).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,350,000 in Community Project Funding for the Torrance Regional Emergency Preparedness and Response Enhancement Project in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Torrance, located at 3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503.

The funding would be used to enable the City of Torrance to implement a comprehensive public safety enhancement initiative that strengthens emergency response capabilities through infrastructure modernization and deployment of specialized life-saving equipment. This project includes two integrated components. First, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Modernization will upgrade the Torrance Police Department's 911 Communications Center to ensure reliable 24/7 emergency communications, enhance interoperability, and strengthen regional coordination during large-scale incidents. Second, a new Medically Equipped Armored Rescue Vehicle (MedCat) will enable law enforcement and Tactical EMS personnel to safely extract victims and provide life-saving medical care in high-risk or "hot zone" environments where traditional EMS cannot operate. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these investments will create a resilient, interoperable emergency response system that enhances public safety, improves survivability outcomes, and strengthens regional mutual-aid capacity across the South Bay.

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)) (COPS Technology and Equipment).

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