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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Police Department Drones as First Responders project for Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fountain Valley, located at 10200 Slater Ave., Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

The funding would be used to implement a Drones as First Responders (DFR) program for the Fountain Valley Police Department (FVPD). Drones can assist with a wide range of public safety incidents, including crimes in progress, missing persons searches, traffic collisions, crime scene documents, and disaster responses. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will allow law enforcement and other city services to improve emergency response, de-escalation efforts, officer safety, and investigative outcomes for the community. By providing real-time aerial intelligence, law enforcement officers can observe incidents before arriving on scene, helping them identify suspects, locate victims, assess potential hazards, and coordinate responding units more effectively.

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,



Derek T. Tran  
Member of Congress