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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 in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Los Alamitos, located at 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

The funding would be used to establish a Drone as First Responder program to help the city police department respond more quickly to emergencies, gather critical information in real time, and support de-escalation efforts. 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 observe incidents before arriving on scene and to monitor illegal or unsafe activity in selected areas to enhance protection, coordinate resources more effectively, and reduce violent crime. This capability can reduce response times, prevent escalation of dangerous situations, and improve evidence collection.

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