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The Hon. Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Training Program for Montgomery County Law Enforcement Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Montgomery County Police Department, located at 100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. The funding would be used to create four new police training institutes—the Community Institute, Health & Wellness Institute, Leadership Institute, and Professional Learning Institute to develop and implement new training techniques and curricula for Montgomery County law enforcement. These institutes will use modern techniques such as virtual reality to help new officers practice critical law enforcement techniques in real-world scenarios. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the training program will improve officer effectiveness and efficiency in pursuit of enforcing laws and addressing violent crime.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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.

Very truly yours,



Jamie Raskin

Member of Congress