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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Public Safety and Communications Enhancement project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lake Charles, located at 900 Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, LA 70601. The funding would be used to modernize the city's emergency response infrastructure by deploying an advanced network of cameras integrated with unified video analytics platforms capable of real-time threat detection to ensure law enforcement, fire services, and emergency medical personnel can access critical intelligence without delay. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because State and local governments bear a fundamental obligation to provide public safety, protect property, and ensure community well-being.

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)).

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins".

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress