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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Sweetwater City of Sweetwater CCTV & LPR Public Safety Technology Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is The City of Sweetwater, located at 500 SW 109 Avenue, Sweetwater, Florida 33174.

The funding would be used to update policing equipment to best meet the needs of the city's residents and visitors. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because investing in a CCTV and License Plate Reader (LPR) network is a responsible use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens crime prevention, improves real-time situational awareness, and accelerates investigations with objective, time-stamped evidence. These technologies support faster response, better traffic and incident management, and more informed deployment decisions through analytics, automated alerts, and rapid search across video and plate data. The project also improves coordination and information sharing with partner agencies when active cases cross jurisdictions. The long-term return is enhanced public safety, improved case outcomes, and better protection of residents, visitors, and businesses through modernized, data-driven policing.

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

Sincerely,



Congressman Carlos A. Gimenez
Florida's 28th Congressional District