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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 Policing Equipment and Safety Project in Fiscal Year 2026.

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. Updating the policing equipment would involve the acquisition and integration of a closed-caption camera system and license plate reader system. This system would offer the ability to completely integrate with a CAD system delivering still images and video while police officers are traveling to a call, thus enhancing crime prevention and investigation, efficient resources allocation, crime analysis and intelligence gathering, intelligence sharing with neighboring agencies, and enhanced situation awareness. CCTV and LPR offer multifaceted advantages in enhancing security and law enforcement. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because of Sweetwater's recent growth, the Police Department is not properly equipped to deal with the influx of added people and crime. CCTV & LPR contribute to crime prevention, traffic management, resource allocation, situational awareness, and intelligence gathering.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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