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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Charwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Amarillo Real-Time Regional Crime Center, Amarillo, Texas in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Amarillo located at 601 South Buchanan Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101. The funding would be used to secure technology such as live stream video integration, automatic license plate readers, unmanned aerial systems utilized as a first responder, and data integration of disparate systems to facilitate real-time intelligence. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City has seen a significant increase in homicides in the last two years, and gun crimes are also on the rise. The proposed real-time crime center will aid law enforcement in the apprehension and prosecution of violent criminals, while also deterring crime by improving law enforcement effectiveness. Officer safety will also be enhanced through real-time intelligence collection and communication. Federal investment in the Center will enable not only a more safe and secure Amarillo, but directly contribute to the greater region's security through information sharing, and evidence-based strategy formulation.

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,



Ronny L. Jackson
Member of Congress