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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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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 Saint Leo University Drone Technology and Public Safety Program in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Saint Leo University located at 33701 County Highway 52, Saint Leo, FL 33574. The funding would be used to create a comprehensive Drone Technology and Public Safety Program that will prepare students and public safety professionals to deploy unmanned aerial systems (UAS) in support of law enforcement, military, disaster response, and commercial applications. The program will develop academic coursework, hands-on-training, and applied research focused on public safety uses of drone technology, including search and rescue, disaster assessment, critical infrastructure monitoring, and crime scene documentation.

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.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress