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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 Pasco Sheriff's Office Unmanned Aircraft Systems project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pasco Sheriff's Office, located at 8661 Citizens Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34654. The funding would be used to purchase unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) to aid in patrol operations and help swiftly and efficiently locate missing and endangered persons. Through the expansion of this program, deputies will be able to return to other calls for service in a more expeditious fashion. In addition, this expansion of the UAS team will be a cost benefit to the taxpayers of Pasco County as operating a UAS is more cost effective than a standard helicopter.

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

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

Sincerely,


Member of Congress