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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hernando Sheriff Digital and Biological Forensic Capabilities Enhancements project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, located at 18900 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34601. The funding would be used to advance community safety through State-of-the-Art Digital and Biological Forensics Tools. This project intends to leverage the available advancements in technology to better serve the community through diverse disciplines, allowing for a broad based deployment of investigative techniques.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized 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