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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, U.S. Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Verdugo Communications Center Equipment Upgrades project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Glendale, located at 421 Oak St. Glendale, CA 91204. The funding would be used to upgrade law enforcement technology, consoles, and equipment at Verdugo Communications Center, a tri-city regional emergency dispatch center serving over 944,000 residents across Los Angeles County.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase public safety in the region by improving the effectiveness of emergency response systems, increasing operational coordination across jurisdictions, and upgrading capabilities for Next Generation 911, including text-to-911 and digital alerting systems. These equipment and technology upgrades will allow law enforcement to handle increased demand, and respond more quickly and effectively, ensuring uninterrupted service during peak times and large-scale events.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by purposes of 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,



Laura Friedman
Member of Congress