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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
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 \$500,000 in funding for the El Paso County Tactical and Continued Certification Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, located at 27 East Vermijo Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. The funding would be used to acquire a replacement rescue vehicle and correctional facility accreditation membership and certification.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current vehicle is at the end of its life expectancy causing the Sheriff's Office to spend too much of its limited budget on maintenance. Additionally, the vehicle continuing to be out of service threatens the County's SWAT Team from being able to respond to high-risk situations with minimal risk to law enforcement officers and civilians. A new vehicle would require less maintenance thus saving taxpayer funds. Additionally, the accreditation membership would continue El Paso County's long history of meeting federal correctional facility compliance and avoiding any fines due to noncompliance.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152). Section 501(a) authorizes grants to States and units of local government to support law enforcement and correction programs.

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

Sincerely,



Jeff Crank  
Member of Congress