

TERESA LEGER FERNÁNDEZ  
3RD DISTRICT, NEW MEXICO

WASHINGTON OFFICE:  
2417 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515  
P: (202) 225-6190

SANTA FE OFFICE:  
120 S FEDERAL PL. SUITE 323  
SANTA FE, NM 87501  
P: (505) 428-4680

[www.fernandez.house.gov](http://www.fernandez.house.gov)

CHAIR OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
WOMEN'S CAUCUS

COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES

RANKING MEMBER OF THE  
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR INDIAN AND INSULAR  
AFFAIRS

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3103**

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Gallup, NM Police Department Virtual Reality Training project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Gallup Police Department, located at 451 Boardman Dr, Gallup, NM 87301.

The funding would be used for virtual reality training technology to provide the most realistic and ultramodern training to officers. Through this project, the police department seeks to augment their current capabilities so that they can better de-escalate situations, respond to all manner of situations more effectively, and manage crises. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because virtual reality training technology will improve policing and promote trust and legitimacy in the community as well as enhance public safety.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,



---

Teresa Leger Fernández  
Member of Congress