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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 2025. 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 increase trust and legitimacy within the community. 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