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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Orange County Sheriff's Office in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Orange County Sheriff's Office located at 2500 W Colonial Dr, Orlando, FL 32804.

This funding will be used to deploy 10 autonomous drone docking systems to establish Drone as a First Responder (DFR) capability. This will enhance emergency response operations throughout Orange County, Florida by providing rapid, on-demand aerial situational awareness to deputies, supervisors, and command staff during high-priority calls for service. This project will also be able to assist other partner agencies in the region with public safety and can be deployed to the scene of a natural disaster or a terrorist event. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help increase safety and security for Floridians and area visitors while also increasing officer safety.

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



Daniel Webster  
Member of Congress