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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Homeland Security and Protective Services Academic Training Center, Laredo, in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Laredo College, located at 1 West End Washington Street, Laredo, Texas 78040. The Community Project Funding would be used for the expansion of the College's Protective Services Department through facility improvements, updated forensic laboratories, enhanced crime scene simulation spaces, and critical equipment and technology upgrades for modern law enforcement and homeland security training. This project will directly benefit the district by increasing the pipeline of locally trained law enforcement and public safety professionals, improving response capabilities, and enhancing coordination across agencies operating in the region.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens public safety and national security by preparing a skilled workforce to serve in law enforcement, forensic investigation, and homeland security roles. The project will enhance the capacity of a key border community to respond to evolving security needs while supporting economic development and workforce readiness in South Texas.

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,



Henry Cuellar
U.S. Congressman
28th District of Texas