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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Castro Valley Unified School Safety Grant program in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Castro Valley Unified School District, located at 4400 Alma Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546. The funding would be used to install security cameras at the district's three secondary schools—Castro Valley High School, Canyon Middle School and Creekside Middle School—to improve student safety and mental health.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the safety of children while they attend school each day is a critical priority for every community in the nation. Repeatedly, in annual parent and budget meetings, family and community members have requested that the District improve surveillance to reduce bullying and fighting, and prevent intruders and unauthorized visitors from entering school grounds in campus "blind spots." The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is aligned with the purposes of 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,

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Member of Congress