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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 2, 2025

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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Project Wide Net in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hayward Police Department, located at 300 W. Winton Ave. Hayward, CA 94544. The funding would be used to install 45 automated license plate readers and 22 Situational Awareness Cameras positioned throughout the City of Hayward. This expansion in the existing camera network will allow the Hayward Police Department to greatly increase regional capacity without the need to hire additional sworn officers, creating a sustainable increase in public safety throughout our region.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because law enforcement tells us that criminals often target areas with easy access on and off major freeways. The City of Hayward is located at the intersection of multiple major highways, including Interstate 880, Interstate 580, and CA State Route 92, which leads across the Bay into San Mateo County. These factors, along with its proximity to an abundance of retail opportunities, have resulted in Hayward becoming a prime target for organized retail crime and theft of vehicles and vehicle parts. The equipment purchased with these funds would serve as a deterrent and be a tool for law enforcement to use to solve the crimes that do occur. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes 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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