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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-5400

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for police patrol vehicles, a security camera system, body-worn cameras, and equipment for the Vega Baja Municipal Police in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Municipality of Vega Baja, located at P.O. Box 4555, Vega Baja, Puerto Rico 00694.

The funding would be used for the acquisition of the following equipment for the Municipality of Vega Baja's police department: four (4) police patrol vehicles; twenty (20) surveillance security cameras; twenty (20) body-worn cameras; twenty (20) bulletproof vests; twenty (20) radios; twenty (20) electronic control devices and their corresponding sets; twenty (20) expandable batons and corresponding holders; twenty (20) handcuff pouches; twenty (20) flashlights; twenty (20) pepper sprays and corresponding holders; twenty (20) duty belts and belt hooks; twenty (20) firearm ramrods; and twenty (20) double magazine pouches. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve public safety in the Municipality of Vega Baja, providing its municipal police officers additional resources, assets, and technological tools to enhance local policing activities and effectively combat crime.

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

Jenniffer González-Colón
Member of Congress