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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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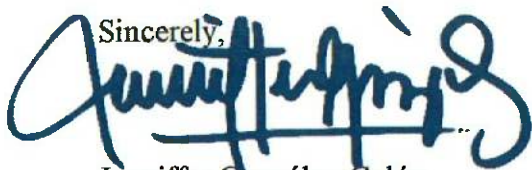
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the acquisition of body armor (bulletproof) vests for the Puerto Rico Police Bureau and the Puerto Rico Special Investigations Bureau in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Puerto Rico Department of Public Safety, located at 235 Avenida Arterial Hostos Suite 103, Capital Center II, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918.

The funding would be used for the acquisition of seven hundred (700) Level IIIA body armor vests for officers within two law enforcement agencies under the Puerto Rico Department of Public Safety's jurisdiction: the Puerto Rico Police Bureau and the Puerto Rico Special Investigations Bureau. The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it would bolster local policing capabilities by equipping seven hundred sworn, law enforcement officers—six hundred (600) within the Puerto Rico Police Bureau and one hundred (100) within the Puerto Rico Special Investigations Bureau—with needed protection to safely perform their duties and combat and prevent crime, including efforts against armed violent gangs, drug traffickers, and transnational criminal organizations.

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,


Jenniffer González-Colón
Member of Congress