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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Hialeah Police Department's Real Time Operations Center Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hialeah located at 501 Palm Avenue, Hialeah, Florida 33010. The funding would be used for a real time operations center that will function as a central command that will aide police officers responding to incidents by providing critical information regarding the scene they are approaching, thereby greatly improving the responding officers' situational awareness.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as these resources will greatly enhance the speed of response during emergencies, in addition to improving officer and public safety in the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes described in 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,



Mario Diaz-Balart
Member of Congress