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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Collier County Sheriff's Office Marked Vehicle Expansion Project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Collier County Sheriff's Office located at 3319 Tamiami Trail E, Building J, Naples, Florida 34112. The funding would be used to upgrade Collier County Sheriff's Office marked policing equipment that is in critical need of replacement. The equipment consists of marked patrol vehicles, replacement of specialty vehicles like a jail transport bus and hostage negotiation van, and a safe boat. These upgrades will make communities safer, help improve visibility for officers, deter crime, and create greater interactions within the community.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds, as these resources will be used primarily for public safety and to ensure law enforcement officers are ready and able to keep our community safe.

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