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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 Town of Medley Critical Fleet Modernization Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Medley, located at 777 NW 72nd Avenue, Medley, Florida 33166.

The funding would be used to replace and expand its Police Department fleet through the purchase of 30 fully equipped marked patrol vehicles. This investment is critical to ensuring reliable public safety services for a rapidly growing community and its surrounding regional partners. The Town is currently experiencing significant new residential developments, with pending projects expected to increase the resident population to approximately 10,000. This growth will substantially increase demand for law enforcement services, emergency response, traffic enforcement, and community policing initiatives. Proactive investment in public safety infrastructure is necessary to ensure that service levels keep pace with development and population expansion. The existing fleet has exceeded its useful service life, resulting in escalating financial and operational strain.

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 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,



Mario Diaz-Balart
Member of Congress