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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives 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 the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office Global Public Safety and Equipment Expansion Project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office, located at 9105 NW 25th Street, Doral, Florida, 33172. The funding would be used to purchase Unified Command Center, Command Bus, Mobile Field Force Gear, Total Containment Vessel with Hauling Vehicle, Long Range Acoustic Devices (LRADs), Patrol Bicycles with Vehicle Trailers, Cybersecurity Equipment, and Computer CPUs. These tools and essential equipment will enhance public safety by improving law enforcement visibility, increasing officer presence, and deterring crime in the community.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as these resources will greatly enhance the speed of response during emergencies and guarantee the security of community members during major events. Through this project, the Miami-Dade Sheriff Office aims to maintain public safety in the community, particularly during large events. This equipment will enable MDSO to monitor, investigate, and respond to criminal and terrorist activities at various globally attended events, both now and in the future.

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

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