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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
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office Mobile Operation Command Center 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. This funding would be used to purchase two District Mobile Operations Centers (MOCs) for MDSO. MOCs serve as a mobile command post for critical incidents, natural disasters, and major events. The MOCs would have technology to serve as a mobile workstation for active scenes and aid units to conduct investigations. The MOCs would be easy to deploy to smaller-scale scenes and accessible to remote locations. Given such a prominent national and international presence, MDSO must protect law and order now and in the future, maintaining public safety by ensuring law enforcement is equipped with the tools and equipment required to keep our community safe.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as these tools and essential equipment will enhance public safety by improving law enforcement visibility, increasing officer presence, and deterring crime in the community. Through this project, the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office aims to maintain public safety in the community, particularly during large events.

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