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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
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 Miccosukee Tribe Police Department's Marked Police Patrol Vehicle Project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, located at 37790 SW 8th St, Miami, Florida 33194. The funding would be used to upgrade five marked Utility Vehicles (SUVs) for the Miccosukee Police Department. These marked vehicles 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. Through this project, the Miccosukee Tribe Police Department's objective is to serve as a visible deterrent to criminal activity, reinforcing law enforcement's presence and helping to prevent crime before it occurs.

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