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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa 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 Drone as a First Responder in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Brea, located at 1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, CA 92821.

The funding will be used by the City of Brea Police Department to expand its Drone as a First Responder (DFR) program within the department's Integrated Crime Center by deploying an additional drone to respond to calls for service in the Carbon Canyon area. Carbon Canyon's rugged terrain, brush-covered hillsides, and high-traffic roadway create public safety challenges that can delay traditional response methods. Expanding the DFR program will improve situational awareness and support faster, more effective emergency response for residents and commuters. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens public safety response capabilities in a remote area with challenging terrain and limited roadway access. Deploying a drone as part of the City's Drone as a First Responder program will improve situational awareness and allow first responders to assess incidents more quickly and deploy appropriate resources. Faster incident assessment can help reduce response times, improve emergency coordination, and enhance safety for residents and commuters traveling through Carbon Canyon.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under Section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. §10381(b)(9)), which authorizes the Department of Justice to support law enforcement technology and equipment that improves public safety and operational effectiveness.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'YK', positioned above a horizontal line.

Young Kim
Member of Congress