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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member Committee on
Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Public Safety Technology and Infrastructure Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Beaumont, located at 801 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701. The funding would be used to provide cameras and advanced technology infrastructure to enhance public safety for City facilities and major investment areas.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens regional public safety, enhances emergency response capabilities, and protects critical infrastructure across multiple communities, not just the City of Beaumont. Beaumont's Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) currently receives live camera feeds and data streams from neighboring jurisdictions such as Groves, Vidor, and Sour Lake, with Orange County and Nederland pending installation. This interconnected network means that RTCC improvements have a district-wide impact, supporting agencies throughout Southeast Texas.

Upgrading camera systems, fiber-optic cabling, and networking equipment will expand real-time visibility across major transportation corridors, neighborhoods, and industrial areas spanning the 36th District. Because the RTCC actively supports partner agencies during major incidents, missing-person cases, violent crime investigations, and natural disasters, enhanced infrastructure directly benefits multiple municipalities and their residents.

The district's mix of urban centers, petrochemical facilities, ports, refineries, and hurricane-prone areas requires rapid situational awareness and reliable data connectivity. A stronger RTCC improves information sharing across jurisdictions, reduces response times, and increases resilience during critical events that affect the entire region.

By supporting a shared regional asset used daily by multiple jurisdictions, this project multiplies its value and provides safety, efficiency, and preparedness benefits across Texas' 36th Congressional District.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)). [for DOJ COPS Technology and Equipment projects] I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Babin". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

Brian Babin, D.D.S.
Member of Congress

