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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Real-time Crime Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Port St. Lucie, located at 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, FL 34984. The funding would be used to support a Real-Time Information Crime Center (RTICC) within Port St. Lucie's Police Training Facility. Federal resources will be used to acquire software/hardware, furnishings, and other equipment for the Real-Time Information Crime Center. This investment will enable the Port St. Lucie Police Department to monitor and respond to criminal activities in real time. The project will improve public safety with innovative technologies.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The RTICC will enable the Port St. Lucie Police Department to respond more quickly to incidents, identify emerging crime patterns, and deploy resources effectively. By preventing crimes from occurring and apprehending suspects more efficiently, the RTICC will contribute to reducing crime rates and improving public safety. By preventing crimes and reducing the need for costly investigations and prosecutions, the RTICC will generate cost savings for the agency. The RTICC will streamline public safety operations by providing real-time intelligence, enhancing situational awareness, and optimizing resource allocation. This will lead to more efficient and effective responses to incidents, better outcomes in investigations, and overall performance improvements.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Brian Mast
Member of Congress