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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

Washington, DC 20515-0918

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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  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Law Enforcement Ballistics Innovation and Testing Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Indian State River College, located at 3209 Virginia Avenue, Ft. Pierce, FL 34981. The funding would be used to establish and equip a ballistics testing center tailored to assess innovative products designed to improve police/sheriff officers' safety by reinforcing law enforcement vehicles and buildings. These products, including windshields, window film, vehicle components, and building materials such as doors and furniture, will serve a dual purpose: functioning as real products while also fortifying law enforcement assets.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Ballistics Innovation and Testing Center will further enhance IRSC's ability to train law enforcement officers to some of the growing number of new threats they will face in the field.

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