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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, House Committee on
Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the acquisition of a marine enforcement vessel and associated infrastructure for the City of Fort Pierce Police Department in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fort Pierce, located at 920 South US 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34950.

The funding would be used to replace an aging marine patrol vessel with a new 31-foot law enforcement vessel, along with required equipment and a boat lift installation at the City Marina. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will significantly enhance the City's ability to provide emergency response, patrol, and waterway security across more than six square miles of inland waterways, approximately twenty miles of coastline, the Fort Pierce Inlet, city marina, and seaport. Increased recreational and commercial use of these waterways has placed greater demand on marine law enforcement, particularly during large public events and peak holiday periods.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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

Sincerely,



Brian J. Mast
Member of Congress