

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-0537

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairwoman  
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 the Advancing De-Escalation, Investigations, and Special Event Readiness Through Drones project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Los Angeles located at 100 West First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012


The \$1,400,000 request would enhance use drones, and the newest technological capabilities, to increase the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD or Department) ability to advance de-escalation, enhance investigations to clear more of the community's cases, and increase readiness for special events.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would upgrade drones, enhance safety, de escalation, investigations, and event security, replacing restricted helicopters to ensure aerial support.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 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,



Sydney Kamlager-Dove  
Member of Congress