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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Drone as a First Responder (DFR) Program in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Visalia Police Department, located at 707 West Acequia Avenue Visalia, CA 93291.

The funding would be used to acquire and deploy four autonomous drone systems across Visalia's 40 square miles, giving the city its first citywide aerial public safety capability -with an on-scene response target of under 90 seconds from dispatch activation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because reduce on-scene response times and increase both officer safety and public safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Costa".

JIM COSTA  
Member of Congress