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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the *Bell County Juvenile Justice Facility Enhancements* project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bell County, Texas, located at 101 E. Central Avenue, Belton, Texas 76513. The funding would be used to modernize and upgrade critical infrastructure at the Bell County Juvenile Justice Facility, including installation of automated security doors and gates, upgraded communication systems, expanded surveillance coverage, and construction of secure pedestrian infrastructure to improve safety and operational efficiency.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance public safety, improve conditions for justice-involved youth, and strengthen the operational capacity of a critical regional detention facility amid increasing statewide demand and limited juvenile detention capacity. These improvements will reduce security risks, improve staff efficiency, and ensure the facility can continue to provide safe, secure, and rehabilitative services to youth in Bell County and surrounding communities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under **42 U.S.C. § 5305(a)(2)**, which permits the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for the construction of public facilities and improvements that support economic development, workforce training, and community safety.

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 "August Pfluger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "August" and the last name "Pfluger" clearly distinguishable.

August Pfluger
Member of Congress