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Congress of the United States
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Washington, DC 20515-4311

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

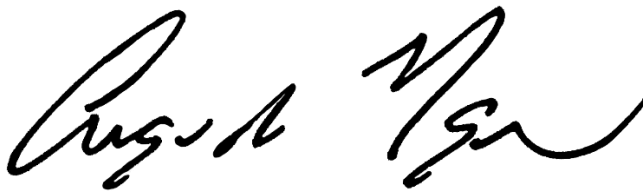
I am requesting funding for the SAFETY, SECURITY & POLICING FOR ECTOR COUNTY FY2026 project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Ector County, Texas, located at 1010 E. 8th Street, Odessa, Texas 79761.

The funding would be used to purchase 30 vehicles outfitted to Police Pursuit Vehicle standards, of which 10 have already been acquired, enabling the Ector County Sheriff's Office to secure an additional 20 high-performance pursuit units. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Ector County spans 902 square miles—858 of which lie outside Odessa—and faces rising violent-crime rates (from 809 per 100,000 in 2022, up 143 points since 2014) and increasing border-related threats. Improved pursuit vehicles will enhance deputy safety and response times across four shifts and multiple underserved, historically disadvantaged communities, helping curb cartel-related activity and protect over 161,000 residents (plus an estimated 20,000 undocumented immigrants).

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is aligned with the purpose of section 1701(b)(8) of the omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. sec. 10381(b)(8)).

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

Sincerely,



August Pfluger
Member of Congress