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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 HOB
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Public Safety Training Center- Class-B Burn Tower in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Midland, located at 300 N. Loraine St. Midland, TX 79701. The funding would be used for the construction of a Class-B burn tower for a new regional Public Safety Training Center to provide law enforcement and first responders with modernized and advanced training opportunities while creating, promoting, and enhancing regional career opportunities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the multi-use Class-B Burn Tower will not only improve the accessibility of training opportunities for public safety workers in West Texas but also provide advanced training options that address regionally specific needs for current and future first responders and law enforcement. The training center is expected to increase growth and the retention of workers in public safety fields for the region by an estimated 20% within the first decade of the training center's groundbreaking. The construction of the Class-B Burn Tower will be the first step in strengthening Midland and West Texas' abilities in border security and community safety while promoting economic and occupational growth.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) for the construction and installation of facilities and site improvements of public works, facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), and site or other improvements.

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" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Pfluger".

August Pfluger
Member of Congress