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Chairman Tom Cole  
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Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
Appropriations Committee  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the I am requesting funding for the Patrol and Drone First Responder Expansion project in the Fiscal Year 27 *Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act*. The entity to receive funding for this project is the El Paso Police Department, located at 911 N Raynor Street, El Paso, TX 79903. The funding would be used to fund the deployment of 12 drone docking stations for small unmanned aircraft systems strategically located throughout the city to reduce response times by an estimated 25 percent and enhance real-time situational awareness. This project is a responsible use of taxpayer funds because it will expand a proven public safety capability in a border community, improve real-time situational awareness and response effectiveness, and strengthen coordination with federal partners in support of broader homeland security objectives. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 501 of the *Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act* of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

Tony Gonzales  
U.S. Representative  
23rd Congressional District of Texas