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March 17, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$125,000 in funding for the North Arlington Crime Prevention Equipment Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the North Arlington Police Department through the Borough of North Arlington, located at 214 Ridge Road, North Arlington, NJ 07031-6036.

The funding would be used to purchase critical public safety technology to enhance crime prevention, situational awareness, and officer safety. Funding will support the installation of automated license plate recognition cameras and the deployment of two unmanned aerial systems to assist with law enforcement operations and emergency response. The North Arlington community has experienced increasing incidents of vehicle theft and theft of automotive parts, crimes that are often facilitated by offenders traveling quickly through the region. The installation of automated license plate recognition cameras at key entry and exit points throughout the Borough will allow law enforcement officers to identify stolen vehicles, detect vehicles associated with criminal investigations, and improve investigative capabilities through real-time alerts and data analysis. This technology will enable officers to more effectively monitor vehicles entering and exiting the community and will strengthen the department's ability to deter criminal activity.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it increases public safety and security.

The project complies with the federal nexus, as it is for activities aligned with the purposes of section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nellie Pou".

Nellie Pou
Member of Congress