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May 18, 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  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,115,000 in funding for the William Paterson Police Department Security Equipment Upgrades Project for Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the William Paterson Police Department located at 300 Pompton Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470.

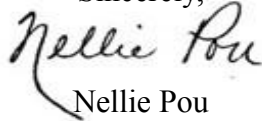
The funding would enable William Paterson Police Department to procure security technology and monitor equipment, specifically law enforcement close circuit security cameras and software upgrades for the William Paterson Police Department. The William Paterson Police Department is a local law enforcement department with full law enforcement authorizations and emergency service authorities like any local law enforcement department / unit of government in New Jersey. The police department is a part of the William Paterson University (public institution). The William Paterson Police Department is legally recognized as a public law enforcement department, with authorities to perform criminal investigation, arrests, detention, and emergency response and violence prevention and intervention, among other common functions of any law enforcement body. William Paterson Police Department deploys and monitors CCTV across campus to execute its law enforcement activities, particularly violent crime prevention, vandalism, trespass, assaults and battery, theft, and high-risk threat monitoring. William Paterson Police has identified high target areas that would rectify security gaps and failed deterrence and enforcement across the community. Access control upgrades reduce unauthorized entry risks, while legacy system replacement eliminates vulnerabilities from outdated hardware. The William Paterson Police Department Security Equipment Upgrade Project would allow the police department to purchase new video surveillance equipment and security camera deployments, replace the outdated legacy system, and provide the police department with the necessary software and equipment to access the surveillance videos and provide it with the ability to conduct law enforcement activities within the community.

The project is an appropriate/valuable use of taxpayer funds because it increases public safety and security within the community and enables the police to conduct law enforcement activities.

The project complies with the federal nexus, as the project is for activities consistent with, and supportive of, the Office of Justice Programs' mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, 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 nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nellie Pou". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nellie Pou

Member of Congress

9th Congressional District of New Jersey