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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Public Safety Complex Training Academy Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of El Paso, located at 300 N. Campbell, El Paso, Texas 79901.

The funding would be used to develop an integrated Public Safety Complex on a 50-acre campus to replace aging, functionally obsolete facilities and expand capacity for police and fire training. The requested \$5,000,000 in HUD EDI funds will deliver a defined training academy improvement package that accelerates high value, high use components of joint training.

The scope includes construction and fit out of specialized training environments that replicate real world scenarios and decision making under stress, academic and skills instruction areas including forensic and classroom spaces, and supporting infrastructure that makes the training environments operational, safe, and durable for long term use. These improvements directly support coordinated training functions and operational efficiency, aligned to the City's purpose-built training campus plan that includes shared training academy building space, law enforcement simulator areas, a real scenario training district known as Hogan's Alley, and other shared training features.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it invests in preparedness, safety, and coordinated response. El Paso is building a consolidated operations and training campus designed for a 30-to-40-year lifecycle that is scalable to future demand.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S. Code § 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica Escobar".

Member of Congress