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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Rio Hondo Community College's Public Safety Scenario Training Unit in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Rio Hondo Community College at 3600 Workman Mill Rd, Whittier, CA 90601.

The project would support Cerritos Community College District's implementation of a public safety training program. Funding would provide virtual reality technology and equipment to expand education and scenario-based training in a safe, controlled environment. The project would ensure that law enforcement officers are well-prepared to handle high-pressure situations with essential skills in de-escalation, tactical response, and decision-making under pressure. The project would help law enforcement officers respond effectively to complex situations through a wide range of trainings scenarios.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds by expanding Rio Hondo Community College's current public safety training offerings. The project will enhance public safety outcomes by adopting new training practices in key areas including use-of-force policy, tactics, equipment, and information needs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes under section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

