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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 2026.

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

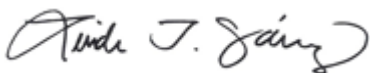
The funding would be used for the implementation of a public safety training program, including providing for virtual reality technology and equipment to expand education and scenario-based training for law enforcement. The equipment funded by this project would ensure that law enforcement officers are well-prepared to handle complex and high-pressure situations with essential skills in de-escalation, tactical response, and decision-making under pressure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it expands 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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Linda T. Sánchez
Member of Congress