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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-305 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for La Mesa Drone as First Responder in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the La Mesa Police Department, located at 8085 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA, 91942. The funding would be used to establish a Drone as First Responder program and Real-Time Crime Center to respond to high-priority emergencies faster, with the appropriate resources, and without compromising officer safety. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Drone as First Responder can arrive in minutes, giving first responders immediate information that accelerates medical aid, improves suspect location, and reduces time spent searching – effectively stretching the taxpayer dollar.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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, appearing to read 'Sara Jacobs', written over a circular stamp or watermark.

Sara Jacobs  
Member of Congress