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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-307, the Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit Modernization Initiative in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, located at 720 S. Park Ave, Titusville, Florida 32780.

The funding for this project will be used to acquire a helicopter equipped with a FLIR camera for the purpose of enhancing law enforcement, search and rescue, disaster response, water rescue, and security partnerships with federal agencies and the space and tourism industries.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this investment aligns with federal priorities by strengthening security at NASA, Kennedy Space Center, and Port Canaveral by increasing aerial support and response time. The funding request represents a high-value, mission-critical investment for Brevard County and the nation.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes 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, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Mike Haridopolos Member of Congress

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