

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Increasing Officer and Citizen Safety Effectively and Efficiently project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Indian River County Sheriff's Office, located at 4055 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Vero Beach, FL, 32960.

The funding will be used by the Indian River Sheriff's Department to acquire a fully-equipped Rook Armored Critical Incident Vehicle which is a specialized, heavily armored tactical vehicle designed for SWAT teams and high-risk law enforcement operations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a critical gap in local public safety infrastructure by providing an armored rescue and tactical de-escalation tool that directly protects both law enforcement officers and the community during high-risk incidents. Local law enforcement serves as the nation's first line of defense against domestic terrorism. The ROOK enhances regional capabilities to prevent, protect against, and respond to terrorist attacks and active violence. The funding request represents a high-value, mission-critical investment for Indian River County and the nation.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described 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.

Respectfully,



Mike Haridopolos  
Member of Congress