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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the University of Maryland - College Park's *Chesapeake Bay Area Monitoring and Prediction System* project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Maryland - College Park, located at 5825 University Research Ct, College Park, 20740 MD.

If awarded, funding will be used to develop a multi domain modeling and data assimilation system that will merge observations from the atmosphere, freshwater streams, estuary, soils, land surface, and ecosystems into coupled models to provide prediction and other decision support data for use by city managers, state, and local authorities. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because the project will provide predictive data to communities along the Chesapeake Bay to prepare for flooding and other environmental hazards while strengthening environmental resilience.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Elfreth".

Congresswoman Sarah Elfreth
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Howard County, Maryland's *Drone Detection and Surveillance* project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Howard County Government, located at 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21403.

If awarded, funding will be used to procure a comprehensive drone detection system, along with installation and training of operational staff. Drones are increasingly used to aid inmates in contraband delivery in correctional facilities across the country. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it ensures the safety and security of both correctional officers and inmates in Howard County by aiding in identifying and tracking unmanned aerial vehicles.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the 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.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources's *Emerging Contaminants Patterns Assessment* project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, located at 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401

If awarded, funding will be used to assess the seasonal patterns of emerging contaminants in the Chesapeake Bay and their impacts on the Bay and wildlife. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because the project will provide a better understanding of the impacts of contaminants on the Bay's living resources, including striped bass, blue crabs, oysters, and other wildlife. These waterborne contaminants may impact reproductive success and pose a significant threat to Maryland's recreational fishing industry, which the striped bass industry alone directly supports more than 10,000 jobs and provides over \$800 million dollars to Maryland's GDP.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV)'s *Lethality Assessment Program Expansion* project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the MNADV, located at 1997 Annapolis Exchange Parkway, Suite 300, Annapolis, MD 21401.

If awarded, funding will be used to support the expansion of the Lethality Assessment Program in Maryland and beyond. Funds will be used to support staff who do outreach to Law Enforcement Agencies and train them in Lethality Assessment implementation. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the training for officers allows for enhanced victims services and connection, strengthen law enforcement response to domestic violence, reduce crime and stress on the justice system, and ultimately save lives.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes described in 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.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Annapolis Police Department's *Police Specialty Vehicles* project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Annapolis Police Department, located at 199 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401.

If awarded, funding will be used to purchase 3 separate police vehicles; an Armored Response Vehicle (to assist Annapolis Special Emergency Teams respond to critical incidents involving armed suspect and suspected criminal and terrorist acts), a prisoner transport van (to securely, safely, and humanely transport detainees and inmates), and a forensic services van (to sufficiently stock and transport equipment to crime scenes, and to ensure timely forensic gathering and analysis). This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will reduce the burdens on police officers and staff while dramatically increasing officer efficacy and safety.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the 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.

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