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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Grace Meng
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Meng:

I am requesting funding for the Municipality of Mayagüez's "Western Puerto Rico Maritime Security and Coastal Protection Program" in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Municipality of Mayagüez, located at Calle Ramon E Betances Esq. Mendez Vigo, Mayagüez, PR 00681. The funding would be used to acquire new maritime patrol vessels to support law enforcement programs by enhancing patrol, surveillance, and emergency response operations, strengthening the Municipality's ability to deter unlawful activity, enforce maritime regulations, and respond to incidents in a high-traffic coastal environment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve public safety and operational readiness by providing equipment that supports criminal justice and law enforcement functions. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pablo J. Hernández".

Pablo José Hernández
Member of Congress