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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Municipality of Toa Baja's "Llanero Response: Police Modernization Initiative for Community Safety" in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Municipality of Toa Baja, located at Rafael Arrieta 16 Toa Baja, PR 00951. The funding will support the modernization of the Toa Baja Municipal Police Department by acquiring new patrol vehicles, upgrading officer equipment, and deploying mobile surveillance and lighting units to enhance patrol, surveillance, and emergency response operations. These improvements will strengthen the Municipality's ability to deter unlawful activity, improve response times, support coordinated coastal monitoring, and maintain public safety in a densely populated, 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