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March 13, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Memphis Police Department Aviation Equipment Upgrades Project** in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Memphis Police Department**, located at **170 North Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103**. The funding would be used **to modernize the department's aviation unit and strengthen its ability to support violent crime suppression, emergency response operations, and regional public safety coordination.**

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it **will strengthen violent crime reduction efforts and regional public safety coordination.**

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Steve Cohen  
Member of Congress