Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

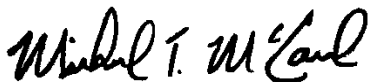Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Advanced Reality Based Patrol Skills Training Program in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, located at 200 Technology Way, College Station, Texas, 77845, United States.

The purpose of this request is to support the acquisition and implementation of a flexible, multi-system Reality-Based Training (RBT) program managed by the TEEX Law Enforcement Division. This program will utilize the new RELLIS Public Service Training Complex to provide realistic, scenario-based training opportunities for law enforcement and public safety professionals across the state of Texas. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses the critical gap in law enforcement readiness by providing high-impact, scenario-driven instruction that enhances officer performance, reduces liability, and strengthens public safety and trust.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purpose authorized by 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.

Sincerely,

Michael T. McCaul
Member of Congress