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Hon. Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Hon. Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mobile Command Center in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Riviera Beach – Police Department, located at 600 West Blue Heron Blvd. Riviera Beach, FL, 33404. The funding would be used for Emergency Management/Disaster Preparedness. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Mobile Command Center (MCC) fills a critical need in the community and is uniquely able to serve as a base of operations during a variety of incidents. These specialized vehicles can help in the wake of natural disasters, assist in distributing government aide, and help government organizations mitigate crime. The MCC can be used to deliver critical government services and disaster relief directly to various neighborhoods to reach the underserved and elderly populations of the community. The MCC is used on all large-scale incidents that require long-term investigations and multi-jurisdiction coordination. It provides meeting rooms with digital screens, TVs for news updates, and monitors for remote access to drones and surveillance footage. It is also used as a command center for Crisis Negotiation Teams and as the back-up 911 Emergency Communications Center.

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,



Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick
Member of Congress