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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Broward County Sherriff's Office South Florida ICAC Technology Support Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Broward County Sheriff's Office, located at 2601 West Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.

This critical project will assist law enforcement in meeting the rising costs of digital forensic software, a forensic van upgrade and investigative tools to assist analysts in identifying both victims and offenders. Over the years, South Florida's ICAC task force has seen a steady decrease in federal funding from the OJJDP Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program. The decrease in funding has made it difficult for the task force to fund forensic software licenses and renewals. ICAC cases heavily involve forensic examinations. As the funding continues to decrease, the cost for forensic software tools continues to increase.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will assist law enforcement in meeting the rising costs of digital forensic software, a forensic van upgrade and investigative tools to assist analysts in identifying both victims and offenders. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Wasserman Schultz". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress