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## **Congress of the United States** House of Representatives

May 23, 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 City of Fort Lauderdale Public Safety Complex project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fort Lauderdale, located at 1515 W. Cypress Creek Rd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. The funding would be used for the design and construction of the Fort Lauderdale Public Safety Training and Professional Development Complex which will house a state-of-the-art facility to train local and regional first responder personnel in all aspects of public safety and professional development. Effective and comprehensive training for police and fire personnel is critical to ensure the safety of the public.

The tri-county area is lacking a comprehensive facility that can provide a 'one stop shop' for both new recruits and experienced personnel that prepares them to be a first responder of the 21st century.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the region is severely lacking in a comprehensive facility that can deliver a central location for first responder training.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

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Debbie Wasserman Schultz Member of Congress