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March 19, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Lithium-Ion Battery Storage and Safety System project in fiscal year 2027, in the amount of \$250,000. The entity to receive the funding is the San Diego Police Department, located at 1401 Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101.

The \$250,000 in funding would be used to purchase lithium-ion battery storage and safety systems, including floor rated lithium-ion safety cabinets, max capacity lithium ion charging/storage cabinets, and large format lithium ion safety cabinets for the San Diego Police Department. These cabinets protect officers by enhancing safe handling, containment, and charging of high-energy lithium-ion batteries used across the City's emergency-response and operational divisions.

This project is a good use of federal funds because it will protect police officers handling lithium-ion battery powered equipment. As the City expands its use of battery-powered equipment—such as rescue tools, drones, radios, detection meters, and specialty operational platforms—the need for compliant, fire-rated, explosion-mitigating storage infrastructure has become increasingly critical to ensuring officer safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

This project has broad support from a large network of partners and stakeholders, including San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria and County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer.

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

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Thank you for your consideration of funding for these programs. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Senior Legislative Assistant, Michael Rivas, at michael.rivas@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Juan Vargas".

Juan Vargas
Member of Congress