

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
H-307, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger, Subcommittee Chairman Rogers, and Ranking Members DeLauro and Cartwright:

As you draft the upcoming Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations bill for FY 2024, we request that you consider supporting the total funding of \$4,992,000 for Transportation Enhancement for the Lee County Sheriff's Office located at 2115 Martin Luther King Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33901 .

Please consider Lee County's appropriations request to replace Police Interceptor Utility vehicles and Police Interceptor cars with more than 100,000 miles with new pursuit-rated hybrid Police Interceptor Utility vehicles. Lee County Sheriff's Office also would greatly benefit from the purchase of six high water rescue vehicles. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these vehicles are essential for emergency operations and would have benefited this Agency greatly during Hurricane Ian.

This 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.

I appreciate your consideration for this request.

Sincerely,



Byron Donalds
Member of Congress