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March 12, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Tactical Gear Upgrades in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Gary, located at 401 Broadway, Suite 100, Gary, Indiana 46402. The funding would be used for the acquisition of protective tactical gear and associated mission-specific accessories for the Gary Police Department. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the tactical gear upgrades will improve officer safety and will allow for continued effective operations while serving the community and maintaining public safety.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank J. Mrvan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Frank J. Mrvan
Member of Congress

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