



Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Mercyhurst University Municipal Police Academy in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the The Mercyhurst University Municipal Police Academy located at 501 East 38th St. Erie PA 16546. The funding would be used to purchase Funding would be used to procure a high-performance driving simulator that allows officers to safely practice high-speed maneuvers, emergency response driving, and hazardous conditions in a controlled environment. This technology will allow officers to develop critical skills and improve response capabilities without the risk of injury or damage to vehicles. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is a strong investment in public safety and law enforcement efficiency, directly benefiting both officers and the communities they serve. By providing advanced training tools such as a high-performance driving simulator and virtual reality training technology, the program will enhance officer preparedness, improve response times, and promote safer policing practices. The driving simulator may also be made available to community organizations for safety training, increasing public awareness and engagement around road safety.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized 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 neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

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