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UNITED STATES CONGRESS

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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 respectfully request funding for the Vallejo Police Department's Vallejo Youth Public Safety Leadership and Explorer Infrastructure Initiative in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Vallejo Police Department located at 111 Amador St, Vallejo, CA 94590. The funding would be used to expand its Explorer Program, a youth crime prevention and public safety workforce development initiative currently serving youth in California's 8th Congressional District through monthly academy-style training, scenario-based instruction, and community service participation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it simultaneously strengthens crime prevention, builds a local workforce pipeline, and enhances community trust within the district. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project and neither does anyone in my immediate family. Thank you for your leadership and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Garamendi".

JOHN GARAMENDI
Member of Congress