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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

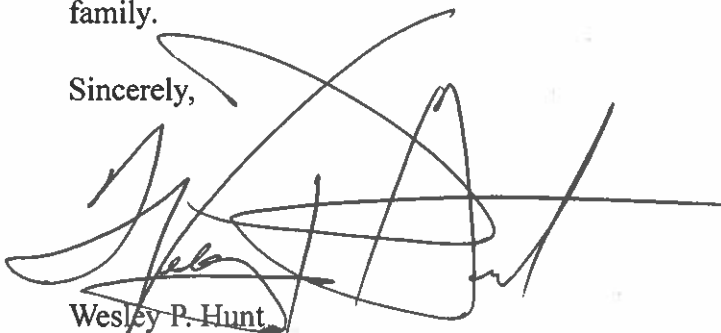
I am requesting funding for the Houston Police Department Grappler and In-Car Camera Initiative in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Houston Police Department, located at 1200 Travis St. Houston, TX 77002.

The funding would be used for the purchase of mission critical equipment to aid in protecting citizens on city wide roadways during pursuits. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that there are about 400 people killed (suspects, police officers, civilian bystanders) and many more seriously injured as the result of police pursuits every year. The grappler device deploys a nylon net to stop suspects from fleeing from police ending the potential danger of a high speed chase, and the in car cameras will be able to provide additional video recordings with the body worn cameras of any encounters to provide additional evidence thereby augmenting adjudication of those cases.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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.

Sincerely,



Wesley P. Hunt

Member of Congress