



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As the committee finalizes drafting its Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations bill, I respectfully request funding for the **City of DeSoto Police Department Violent Crime Prevention Technology Project**. The entity requesting receipt of this project funding is **the City of DeSoto Police Department**, located at **714 East Belt Line Rd, DeSoto, TX 75115**. The project would be used to purchase technology that would identify brass casings left behind when violent crime occurs. Once the brass and its markings are put into the system and the underlying weapon has been used anywhere else, it will assist law enforcement agencies in identifying the violent criminal and solving violent crime occurring in the community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as the DeSoto Police Department responds to a large amount of violent crime. Each weapon used leaves behind brass casings specific to the weapon used and the technology. is requesting funds to purchase technology that would identify brass casings left behind. By acquiring this technology, law enforcement will be able to solve violent crimes much faster and more efficiently while simultaneously assisting the local prosecutor's office by providing it with more accurate evidence when trying criminal cases before the courts.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Crockett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jasmine Crockett  
Member of Congress