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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Drone as First Responder (DFR) Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fayetteville located at 210 Stonewall Avenue West, Fayetteville, Georgia, 30214. The funding would be used to add two Drone as First Responder (D.F.R.) units to the Fayetteville Police Department for improved call response and the enhanced communication of critical information to officers responding to citizens in need. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the D.F.R. program will benefit those living in, visiting, or traveling through the City of Fayetteville by reducing response times to calls, where minutes and even seconds matter.

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,



Lucy McBath  
Member of Congress