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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting community project funding for Nevada State Police - Virtual Reality Law Enforcement Training in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Nevada State Police, 2101 Snyder Avenue, Carson City, NV 89701.

The funding would be used to provide Virtual Reality Law Enforcement Training for the Nevada State Police. A virtual reality (VR) training system will allow the Nevada State Police to use the scenarios provided to ensure all officers are equipped to deal with situations in a way that offers the least level of use of force as possible while ensuring officer safety.

The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because with the proposed utilization of VR during de-escalation/critical incident training at both the academy and in-service trainings, NSP expects to see an increase in the number of scenarios that cadets and officers can go through to better prepare for the field. NSP trainees normally only receive a single live-action scenario during de-escalation training. The agency can select from these scenarios, customize the tasks officers should perform to de-escalate a difficult situation, pause and play to allow trainers to interact with the trainee, and then review the scenario from different vantage points. Metrics collected will allow the agency to determine where additional training resources should be deployed and what training topics need further reinforcement.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Horsford".

Congressman Steven Horsford

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