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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 2015

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$1,097,000 in funding for Get Behind the Vest in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation located at 1407 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607. The funding would be used for purchasing at least 2,000 new ballistic vests and covers to Chicago Police Officers whose vest warranty has expired.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because federal programs provide line of duty death benefits to the families of fallen officers. In 2024, firearm related fatalities were the leading primary cause of line of duty deaths for police officers nationwide. Providing this potentially life-saving equipment to Chicago's officers could have a direct impact on the related federal government programs referenced. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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.

Sincerely,

Mike Quigley
Member of Congress