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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies bill, I respectfully request I am requesting \$11,000,00 of funding for Dallas Ft. Worth Airport in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is DFW Airport located at 2400 Aviation Drive DFW Airport, TX.

This request supports funding five x-rays and two robots to ensure that all activities can be performed effectively and efficiently; enable autonomous capabilities and make data-driven decisions allowing bomb squad operators to maintain a safe distance from potentially dangerous situations, enhancing the overall safety of the team, traveling public, surrounding cities and mutual aid response. Increasing the mobility of the Bomb Squad allowing for an increasingly secure scene perimeter and safe operations area for first responders, while allowing for analysis and quick diagnosis of suspicious packages and devices to protect officers and citizens when dealing with coordinated complex terroristic attacks, hostage situations, and other criminal activity. Hosting the World Cup requires meticulous planning and coordination among various agencies, including first responders. As one of the major transportation hubs in the region, DFW Airport will experience a significant increase in passenger traffic during the World Cup. This would require additional resources to manage the influx of travelers, including increased security measures.

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

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

Beth Van Duyne

Member of Congress