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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Temple University Police Infrastructure Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Temple University – Of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education (“the University”), located at 1801 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122. The funding would be used for the procurement and installation of a software based gun detection system on and around Temple’s campus.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because over the past several years, Temple University and the neighborhoods adjacent to the University’s campus have seen an increase in crime, including violent crime and crime involving firearms. Through new technology implemented as a result of this funding, Temple’s on campus police department would be able to leverage artificial intelligence through roughly 1,500 already installed cameras to detect weapons within a camera’s frame. This technology will enable Temple’s police department and other first responders to more effectively and efficiently respond to potential threats to public safety earlier, enhancing overall security for both the campus, as well as nearby neighborhoods.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 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 blue ink that reads "Brendan F. Boyle".

Brendan F. Boyle
Member of Congress