



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

March 18, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$257,500 in funding for the Fulshear Police Department Chemical Detection Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Fulshear Police Department, located at 6639 W Cross Creek Bend Ln, Fulshear, Texas, 77441. The funding would be used for the procurement of multiple, handheld Raman spectrometers, which will allow for the enhanced detection and identification of chemical substances. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this technology will provide the officers of the Fulshear Police Department with enhanced capabilities for the detection of illicit drugs, including synthetic opioids like fentanyl. Raman spectrometers will allow officers in the field to rapidly and accurately test substances, supporting informed probable cause determinations. Additionally, the ability to accurately test in the field will reduce unnecessary submissions to confirmatory laboratories. This project will significantly increase public safety in the city of Fulshear, Texas.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy E. Nehls".

Troy E. Nehls  
Member of Congress