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The Honorable Hal Rogers  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
Science, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC, 20515

The Honorable Matt Cartwright  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
Science, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright,

I am requesting \$545,265 under the FY 25 Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (Byrne Justice Grants) account for the City of Douglas Police Department's Emergency Response and Operations Upgrades.

The Douglas Police Department is seeking funding to acquire equipment that will significantly enhance their emergency response capabilities, especially in handling active shooter incidents in schools, as well as bolstering everyday police operations. Their plan includes the integration of tablets, printers/scanners/mounts, new police vehicles, upfit equipment, airsoft training equipment and tire deflation devices. These strategic upgrades are designed to enhance their rapid response and operational efficiency during crises and routine tasks alike, offering widespread benefits to the community.

Investing in the Douglas Police Department's emergency response and operational enhancements is a good use of taxpayer funds, offering immediate and long-term benefits to public safety. By integrating advanced technologies, the project significantly improves the department's effectiveness in handling critical incidents. This strategic upgrade not only saves lives by enabling a swift and precise emergency response but also strengthens community trust and safety, underscoring a commitment to protecting residents and law enforcement personnel alike.

This project meets all requirements, is shovel ready, and can obligate funds within a year. Community support includes Cochise County Superintendent of Schools, Douglas Unified School District #27, among others.

The requested equipment breakdown includes:

*20 Tablets, \$125,260*  
*20 Printer/Scanner/Mount, \$21,800*  
*5 new police vehicles, \$278,840*  
*Upfit equipment, \$104,947*  
*Airsoft training equipment, \$5,530*  
*Tire deflation devices, \$8,888*

Thank you for your consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raúl M. Grijalva". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' at the beginning.

Raúl M. Grijalva  
Member of Congress