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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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H-305, the Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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I am requesting funding for the expansion of the Reno–Sparks Regional Real Time Information Center network. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Sparks, located at 431 Prater Way, Sparks, NV 89431. The funding would support the Reno–Sparks Regional Real Time Information Center network. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would enhance public safety through several technology upgrades. Funding includes seven additional drones for the Drone as a First Responder program (\$1,150,000) to provide aerial situational awareness within 90–120 seconds of 911 calls, improving officer and public safety. Additional investments include facial recognition investigative software (\$150,000) and forensic crime analysis software (\$100,000) to accelerate suspect identification and improve information sharing. The request also supports gunshot detection expansion (\$400,000) to address incidents often not reported through 911, as well as additional live cameras (\$100,000), license plate readers (\$100,000), and modernization of a regional mobile command center (\$1,000,000) to strengthen joint Reno–Sparks critical incident response.

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,

Mark E. Amodei

Member of Congress