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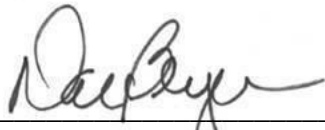
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the "Pilot Deployment of Body Worn Cameras in the Alexandria Police Department" in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Alexandria, located at 301 King Street, Suite 3500, Alexandria, VA 22314. The funding would be used to pilot a body worn camera program in the City of Alexandria. \$600,000 would provide for 25 to 50 body worn cameras for the Alexandria Police Department to be deployed in the community with a focus on high-impact shifts and high-need areas. Body cameras are vital to the effort to bring increased transparency and accountability to policing in our community. They are a critical tool to be able to quickly establish what happened in incidents of police misconduct and serious abuse of authority. In addition, body camera footage can be key in assisting officers in their duty to uphold the law and protect the public. Body worn cameras were one of the practices recommended by the federal 21st Century Policing Report. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.
MEMBER OF CONGRESS