



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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Canine Unit Expansion for Narcotics Detection in Jail Facilities project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office located at 55 W. Younger Avenue, San Jose, CA 95110. The funding would enable the office to increase the number of jail narcotics detection canines to focus on detection efforts within the housing units, perimeter security fences, and mail rooms would greatly enhance the ability of the Sheriff's Office to maintain a safe environment for the incarcerated population and prevent the devastation and harm this epidemic is causing in our community.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the opioid crisis, and even more specifically fentanyl, is devastating our communities. This epidemic is causing a large burden on county resources to include, but not limited to, personnel from the Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Emergency Room (ER), and Medical Examiner-Coroner to name a few. Prevention activities will keep drugs out of jail facilities. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Panetta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress