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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$820,000.00 for Major Event Security Upgrades for the Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University project in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive this funding is Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, with university offices located at 800 Drillfield Drive, Ste 134, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it will assist the University to upgrade safety and security for major events. The project is two-fold and covers camera upgrades on campus and the purchase of portable barriers that will support major events hosted by the university and local partners that require greatly needed enhanced security measures. This project will aid in further fortifying the campus for events. The barricade portion of this project will be made available by Virginia Tech to regional partners to support any numbers of events that would benefit from enhanced security measures.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, 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 "H. Morgan Griffith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress