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

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for a **Police Helicopter** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of Peoria** located at 8401 West Monroe Street, Peoria, AZ 85345. The funding request of **\$2,850,000** would be used to provide the City of Peoria's Public Safety Aviation Unit with a new Police Helicopter.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the requested amount of \$2,850,000 would be used by the City of Peoria's Public Safety Aviation Unit to purchase an additional Police Helicopter. The additional helicopter would fill an operational void by providing faster and reliable air support, strengthen public safety infrastructure, and meet the needs of the West Valley's growing public safety demands. Furthermore, the proposed project would be part of a regional effort to address crimes and rescue initiatives. The NCJRS Virtual Library cites the Administration of a Municipal Police Helicopter Patrol Program (NCJ # 68871, by B. Foster, published in 1971) as the justification for the historic advantages of funding helicopters based on response time improvements, visibility benefits and providing higher levels of accuracy during apprehension.

- 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,

Abraham J. Hamadeh
Member of Congress