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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE,  
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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 the Los Angeles Sheriffs Department Search and Rescue Helicopter Replacement Initiative in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, located at 211 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The requested amount of \$3,000,000 would be used to cover the partial cost of replacing an aging H332L Airbus search and rescue helicopter which has been in service since 2013. This aircraft is no longer in production, therefore parts for service are difficult to acquire to ensure the aircraft is safe to operate. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help fund the purchase of a critically important helicopter that will be used throughout Los Angeles County, with an emphasis on search and rescue in remote mountains, desert, and canyons (Santa Monica and San Gabriel Mountains, Malibu, and the High Desert).

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Mike Garcia  
Member of Congress