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

I am requesting funding for The Advanced Screening Technology for Correctional Safety in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Harris County Jail located at 1200 Baker Street, Houston, Texas 77002. The \$2,000,000.00 in funding would be used to introduce modern bag scanners capable of producing detailed imaging that helps correctional personnel identify potential threats more quickly and accurately than traditional inspection methods. The technology will improve detection of narcotics, weapons, and other prohibited materials that may be concealed within bags or containers entering the facility.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The Harris County Jail houses thousands of individuals and employs correctional officers, medical personnel, and other staff who play a critical role in the region's public safety system. Maintaining a secure environment within the facility is essential to protecting both staff and incarcerated individuals. 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,

Representative Christian Menefee