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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and
Science
H-310 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and
Science
2102 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 2051

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright:

I am requesting funding for the University of West Georgia's state of the art First Responder and Public Safety Virtual Reality-Based Training. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of West Georgia, located at 1601 Maple St, Carrollton, GA 30118. The funding would be used for virtual reality training scenarios will include personal protection equipment use, mental health awareness, de-escalation, EMT, rapid medical response, Narcan/Naloxone administration, defibrillator, sobriety, child protection, active shooter, and other high risk incident responses. These will be developed in partnership with and under the supervision of University of West Georgia Public Safety and other local external first responder agencies.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because in addition to developing the virtual reality training scenarios, University of West Georgia will deliver these through training sessions on site for regional agencies. University of West Georgia will host these sessions on-campus in classrooms as well as in the virtual reality facilities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposed 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,



Member of Congress

