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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Use of Force instruction and Operational Capabilities in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Georgia Public Safety Training Center, located at 1000 Indian Springs Drive, Forsyth, GA 31029. Dynamic Use of Force training requires a shift from static environments to fluid, reality-based scenarios. This project seeks funding for movable wall systems, which allows instructors to rapidly reconfigure training layouts. This adaptability is essential for building psychomotor skills in high stress environments, simulating diverse real-world architectural challenges, and ensuring students develop sound judgement and de-escalation tactics in changing scenarios. Additionally, GPSTC maintains a dedicated police department of over 150 sworn officers.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it allows GPSTC to protect critical training assets across multiple state campuses and provide essential mutual aid and backup to local and state departments in emergencies. To maintain interoperability and officer safety, I am requesting funding for G45 Gen5 and optics to upgrade to current standards, as well as specialized traffic and safety equipment upgrades including officer flashlights and safety wands. This investment directly impacts the safety and proficiency of Georgia's first responders. Modernizing our police department and training equipment is essential to maintaining the high standard of excellence for which GPSTC is known. I ask for your support in securing this investment to ensure Georgia's public safety professionals continue to develop their skills in a functional, professional, and realistic environment.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2). 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 that reads "Austin Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "A" and a stylized "S".

Austin Scott

Member of Congress