

The Senate of Texas

César J. Blanco Texas Senator District 29

April 19, 2022

The Honorable Veronica Escobar U.S. House of Representatives 1505 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515

Re: Town of Anthony, Texas Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Community Project Funding Application for Police Department Technology and Equipment.

Dear Congresswoman Escobar:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Town of Anthony's application to the FY 2023 Community Project Funding opportunity via the annual appropriations process for police department technology and equipment.

The Town of Anthony is a rapidly growing community that is the first and last city encountered in Far West Texas, with over 5,300 residents and approximately 50,000 individuals commuting through the Town each day. Although the Town has made great strides to improve community facilities and services, much opportunity remains to keep up with the anticipated community growth along with safety and tourism needs. As technology becomes obsolete faster than ever before, smaller municipalities are fiscally challenged by the continuing need to update their technological systems and equipment. Any support by way of a Community Oriented Policing Services Grant (COPS) will aid in acquiring the hardware and interoperable communications systems that align with the new digital infrastructure in place and ensure effective cross-communication and transparency between all assisting agencies.

Your thoughtful consideration of this vital community project is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions for me, please don't hesitate to contact me at (915) 595-5955.

Sincerely,

César J. Blanco Texas State Senator District 29

CC: The Honorable Benjamin Romero Mayor, Town of Anthony

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