

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0516**

May 2, 2025

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 House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Copper Theft and Wire Vandalism Video Surveillance System in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San Jose, located at 200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, California 95113. The funding would be used for installing approximately 100 surveillance camera systems in locations around the City that are most impacted by copper theft and vandalism. The surveillance camera system would include a camera for video surveillance; streetlight controllers that would provide network communications for the cameras; operational notices to indicate if streetlights in the immediate area of the video camera have lost power due to theft or vandalism; and upgraded streetlight fixtures to accommodate the streetlight controllers as needed. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will deter theft of copper wire that causes outages of streetlights, creating unsafe conditions for road users and diverting funding for repairs from other city services.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,



Sam T. Liccardo  
Member of Congress