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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1026 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting fiscal year 2023 community project funding for the acquisition of three marine enforcement vessels by the Virgin Islands Police Department.

The public entity to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Police Department, located at Alexander Farrelly Criminal Justice Center, Zone A, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI 00802. The anticipated location of this project is Christiansted, Saint Croix, VI 00820; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI 00802; and St. John, VI 00830. This project is estimated to cost \$4,335,279.

The requested funding would be used by the Virgin Islands Police Department to purchase three marine enforcement vessels to assist with the interdiction of drug-trafficking related criminal activity through the Virgin Islands. The vessels will also assist with safety patrolling local waters, which have seen a significant uptick in recreational vessel traffic in recent years. The Virgin Islands Police Department requires marine-capable law enforcement capacity because the Virgin Islands is surrounded by water as an island territory of the United States. \$1,445,093 is the approximate cost of each of the three marine enforcement vessels.

This project is a sound use of taxpayer funding because it will ensure the safety and protection of life and property of inhabitants and visitors across the four main inhabited islands of the Virgin Islands: St. Croix, St. Thomas, St. John, and Water Island.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Stacey E. Plaskett
Member of Congress