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August 16, 2010

The Honorable Laurie O. Robinson
Assistant Attorney General for Office of Justice Programs
United States Department of Justice
810 Seventh Street NW, Suite 6400
Washington, D.C. 20531

RE: Application Number 2010-H4331TXD1 (Recipient: City of Belton, Texas)

Dear Assistant Attorney General Robinson:

At my request, \$700,000 was included in the Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill (H. Rpt. 111-366) to benefit the City of Belton, Texas. A portion of this request was intended to strengthen drug interdiction efforts in Belton.

In recent years, the Belton area has seen an increase in drug-related crimes, production of illegal substances and trafficking of narcotics along the I-35 corridor. In response to this growing need, several municipalities have formed a regional collaborative investigative and enforcement agency. Belton has previously participated as a member of this alliance but was forced to withdraw from the group due to financial challenges. Within the funding provided in the Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill, it was my intention to provide \$300,000 for Belton's re-entry in the Central Texas Narcotics Taskforce and \$50,000 for acquisition of a K-9 unit used to detect illegal substances.

Thank you for your efforts to ensure the appropriate expenditure of this funding included at my request. I respectfully request that you extend all due consideration to the funding application submitted by the City of Belton, Texas in this matter. If you have further questions about this project, please contact Chris Alsup on my staff at (202) 225-3864 or chris.alsup@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Carter".

John R. Carter
Member of Congress

CC: Hon. Ronald H. Weich, Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs; Ms. Esmeralda Womack, State Policy Advisor

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