

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-305 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Clark Atlanta University Secure Parking Infrastructure, Surveillance Modernization & Video Integration Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Clark Atlanta University located at 223 James P. Brawley Dr., S.W. Atlanta, GA 30314.

The funding would be used to support public safety perimeter hardening and access control in parking garages and surface lots across Clark Atlanta University's campus.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because over the past 12 months, CAU has experienced a substantial increase in vehicle thefts and break-ins within campus parking facilities, particularly within the main parking deck. These incidents decrease public safety, and result in financial hardship for students and employees.

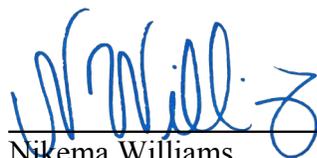
Parking decks and surface lots present structural vulnerabilities that cannot be fully mitigated through patrol staffing alone. Current surveillance infrastructure relies on multiple independent monitors that limit operator efficiency and reduce real-time situational awareness. Additionally, certain blind spots and perimeter weaknesses have created opportunities for criminal activity during low-visibility periods.

Without strategic infrastructure hardening and technology modernization, vehicle-related crime will continue to threaten student stability, campus confidence, and institutional operations.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Nikema Williams
Member of Congress