

Houston City Council Member At-Large, Position 5

April 3, 2024

The Honorable Congressman Wesley Hunt Texas 38th Congressional District Washington Office 1520 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Letter of Support for Congressional Appropriation Proposal: Grappler Police Bumper and Chevrolet Tahoes Project

Dear Congressman Hunt,

I support the Houston Police Department's (HPD) proposal for the purchase of Grappler police bumpers through FY25 Community Project Funding. With this funding, HPD will purchase 25 Chevrolet Tahoes and 25 Grappler police bumpers.

The device offers the safest and most reliable way to de-escalate a vehicle during a chase. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that about 360 people are killed annually and many more are seriously injured as the result of police pursuits. With the procurement of the Grappler Bumpers, HPD will be able to mitigate vehicle chase situations and offer a secure way to bring pursuits to a safe end.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sallie Olm

Sallie Alcorn