

Houston City Council Member At-Large, Position 5

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

RE: FY2025 Congressional Appropriations Proposal Letter of Support: Acquisition of Ballistic Helmets and Bulletproof Vests

Dear Congressman Hunt,

I support the city's request for funding to purchase ballistic helmets and bulletproof vests to safeguard our police and firefighters.

Houston Police Department's (HPD) commitment to safety and security of its officers requires the department to obtain state-of-art equipment for a variety of units, due to the rise in active shooter incidents. We believe that with the assistance of this grant, HPD will be able to target and address these critical needs.

Additionally, Houston Fire Arson Investigators are required to wear bulletproof vests on all active fire scenes and when conducting law enforcement duties including investigations. The funding will allow the Arson division to replace bulletproof vests for current personnel that are State of Texas certified law enforcement officers.

Thank you for your consideration,

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