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6/9/2025 Mr. Hugh T. Clements, Jr. COPS Office Director U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services 145 N Street NE Washington, DC 20530

RE: City of Seguin Police Department FY25 COPS Hiring Program Grant Application

Dear Mr. Clements,

My name is Dr. Ruben Carrillo, and I am writing to you on behalf of Seguin Independent School District. We are in full support of the Seguin Police Department's application for a \$750,000 grant for the FY25 COPS Hiring Program for six new School Resource Officers. Seguin, Texas, is one of the 25 Fastest-Growing Cities in the United States for communities with a population of more than 38,000 out of 1,875 communities. This explosive growth presents enormous challenges for the city as we continue to develop more than 58 new subdivisions in the next two years. Seguin has historically been a rural, underserved community with a median household income of \$61,896 and is unable to support additional taxes to fund additional law enforcement officers.

The COPS Hiring grant would enable our city to hire six new School Resource Officers to increase our staff to a total of 72 officers. This would allow the Seguin Police Department to deploy six full-time officers as School Resource Officers at Seguin public schools. Without this funding, we are unable to fund these strategic positions that are greatly needed in our community.

The Seguin ISD is fully committed to providing a cost match of \$517,538.52 in support of this grant proposal, demonstrating our dedication to the success and sustainability of the proposed project. The Seguin Independent School District recognizes the importance of having School Resource Officers at its schools and plans to fully staff these additional officers in the future, as the City of Seguin will continue to grow. The district values the strong relationship School Resource Officers build with students, staff, and families, which contributes to both safety and student well-being. Seguin Independent School District will continue to remain committed to working with the Seguin Police Department as well in the future to bring more ideas to focus on school safety.

Seguin Independent School District is committed to the City of Seguin and fully supports a strong police force. Without this funding, much-needed additional officers would not be able to assist our growing community. We appreciate your support in this application for the City of Seguin Police Department.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rubén Carrillo

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