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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Rural and Small Town Law Enforcement Technology & Equipment Modernization Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, located at 1406 South Range Avenue, Suite 5, Denham Springs, LA 70726.

The funding would be used to purchase fully outfitted police cruisers as well as upgraded law enforcement equipment and technology for 26 small and rural law enforcement agencies across 10 parishes. This funding would provide essential safety resources to police departments across the following cities, towns, and villages: Addis, Albany, Amite, Baker, Bogalusa, Central, Clinton, Denham Springs, Franklinton, French Settlement, Gonzales, Independence, Jackson, Livingston, Montpelier, Port Allen, Port Vincent, Ponchatoula, Plaquemine, Roseland, St. Francisville, St. Gabriel, Springfield, Tickfaw, Walker, and Zachary.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will ensure law enforcement has access to reliable and safe equipment so they can maintain the highest standard to meet the expectations and daily calls of service within rural communities.

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

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow, Ph.D.
MEMBER OF CONGRESS