

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1406

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-310, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Bartholomew County Communication and Identification Police Upgrades in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office located at 543 2nd Street, Columbus, IN 47201. The funding would be used to update the mobile command vehicle's current communication and light systems and purchase illicit drug testing machines.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because providing equipment for law enforcement and first responders to be centralized and fully equipped in the event of a natural disaster or emergency event will allow faster response times to incidents and provide public safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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

Sincerely,



Jefferson Shreve
Member of Congress