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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Howard County Sheriff's Department Communication and Radio Project as a community project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive the funding for this project is the Howard County Sheriff's Department, located at 124 South Park Place, Cresco, Iowa 52136.

This funding would provide infrastructure upgrades for a communication link between all seven of the communication towers in Howard County, allowing law enforcement to communicate without having to manually switch sites every time they leave a location. This would also allow for the purchase of dual-band radios to help the county's Deputies communicate with departments that operate on the Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communication System network, such as law enforcement in the surrounding rural area and the Iowa State Patrol. The purpose of this investment is to alleviate many of the issues Deputies face regarding communication and strengthen law enforcement's ability to respond in rural Howard County. There is strong community support for this request.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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

Sincerely,


Ashley Hinson