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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Commerce,
Justice, Science, &
Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Grace Meng
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Commerce,
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Meng:

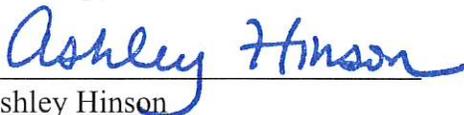
As you craft the fiscal year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you include \$3,054,209 in community project funding for the Hardin County Radio Infrastructure Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hardin County Sheriff Department, located at 1116 14th Ave, Eldora, Iowa 50627.

This project will equip the department with radio consoles and subscriber units to integrate with the Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communication System (ISICS). Hardin County is currently facing a communication gap in the region, limiting coordination with neighboring counties and state and federal agencies, especially along U.S. Highway 20, which intersects it.

Investing in this system and the necessary equipment will eliminate communication barriers, enhance emergency response, and ensure seamless interoperability across jurisdictions. It will improve safety and response times for the county's 16,878 residents and strengthen regional law enforcement operations. This project will ensure the Hardin County Sheriff's Department can seamlessly integrate with ISICS, acquire radio consoles compatible with the network, and promptly deploy subscriber radio equipment.

I urge the Committee to support this critical investment. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ashley Hinson
Member of Congress
Committee on Appropriations