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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,
Justice, Science, &
Related Agencies
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 \$1,364,725 in community project funding for the Howard County Communication and Radio Project. 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 project will upgrade radio systems and provide dual-band handheld and mobile radios to improve communication for law enforcement across Howard County and with agencies on the Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communication System (ISICS). These upgrades will allow deputies to communicate seamlessly without manually switching channels between locations.

The project will also expand transmitter coverage and enable simulcasting, improving emergency response along major traffic routes like Highways 9 and 63. Dual-band radios will enhance coordination with Minnesota agencies on the Armer system, currently only possible via limited patching.

Improving communications will strengthen public safety and officer response across Howard County. I urge the Committee to include this funding in the FY26 bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Ashley Hinson

Member of Congress
Committee on Appropriations