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House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1501

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
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 Cedar Rapids–Metro Bomb Squad Equipment Project as a community project in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Cedar Rapids Hazardous Devices Unit Cedar Rapids–Metro Bomb Squad located at 505 1st Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

The requested amount of \$740,000 would be used to replace essential equipment that has become outdated, expired, or beyond repair for the city's bomb squad who work to address safety hazards, including dangerous materials and other items, for the citizens of Cedar Rapids and the greater Linn County area. Specifically, this funding will support the purchase of one National Institute of Justice–certified bomb suit and two explosive ordinance disposal/special response team robots. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strengthen law enforcement's ability to adequately respond to dangerous events and provide them the necessary tools to mitigate risks and reduce the likelihood of injury or death for the well-trained team.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Ashley Hinson  
Member of Congress  
Committee on Appropriations