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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Lake Norman Water Patrol Boat in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Catawba, located at 25 Government Dr. Newton, NC, 28658. The funding would be used to purchase a public safety patrol boat to support law enforcement, search and rescue operations, and emergency response activities on Lake Norman.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it makes the highly utilized Lake Norman area safer for visitors and residents by adding a quicker response time and year-round service to the area. 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,



Pat Harrigan  
Member of Congress