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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 Real Time Information & Crime Center/Violent Crime Task Force Facility in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hickory, located at 347 2nd Ave SW, Hickory, NC, 28601. The funding would be used to establish a Real-Time Information and Crime Center (RTCC) that integrates multiple data streams, including Drone as First Responder (DFR) and Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR), to provide immediate situational awareness and enhance officer and community safety.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it allows law enforcement to solve violent crimes more efficiently, prevent future shootings, and maximize the value of existing public safety resources. 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