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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Groton's Police Department Communication Upgrade and Interoperability Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Groton Police Department, located at 295 Meridian Street in Groton, Connecticut, 06340. The funding would be used upgrade outdated individual emergency response and dispatch center communications systems and improve interoperability for community partners.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will address risks of communication device failure, prevent expending of unnecessary repair costs, improve communication capabilities such as dead spots in coverage, and address interoperability issues with essential community partners.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding is aligned with the purposes of section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress