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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 Town of Stafford's Police Cruiser Replacement in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Stafford, located at 1 Main Street in Stafford, Connecticut, 06076. The funding would be used to purchase two new fully-equipped police cruisers to help update an ageing fleet.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will investing in these modern cruisers now will reduce maintenance costs, increase operational reliability, and ensure that the police department can continue to serve and protect the community effectively. This project is an important step in responsibly managing Stafford's fleet while maintaining officer safety, public safety, and fiscal efficiency.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with the Office of Justice Programs' mission and aligned with the purposes described in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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