



City of Tupelo

Todd Jordan
Mayor

March 29, 2023

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Congressman Trent Kelly
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: City of Tupelo Real Time Intelligence Center

Dear Congressman Trent Kelly,

On behalf of The City of Tupelo, I am writing in support of funding to construct a new Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC). RTIC will combine advanced policing technologies such as surveillance cameras, license plate readers (LPRs), GPS location of body cameras (BWCs), vehicle cameras and mobile surveillance trailers. This project will enhance Tupelo's surveillance and information gathering and sharing capabilities. The project improves productivity by moving more operations online in real time, saving valuable time in processes and tasks. RTIC will also improve local and regional communications with other law enforcement personnel and agencies.

At the local level, RTIC allows for greater coordination between City and County emergency officials for a seamless response to threats and hazards throughout our area. Funding towards the RTIC will close existing gaps in mission areas such as response and recovery, public information, operational coordination and communication, intelligence and information sharing, situational assessment and mass search and rescue operations.

LPRs will compare license plates against those of stolen cars or cars being driven with suspected people involved in a criminal act. Mobile surveillance trailers will provide assistance monitoring large crowds such as festivals, protests and riots. BWCs will provide police location in real time broadening response capabilities to citizens and providing safety to officers and citizens. Surveillance cameras will serve various hot spot areas in our communities allowing for intervention, mitigation and proper prosecution of serious crimes. Any other devices will only

aid in the enhancement of our overall prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery for our City.

The City of Tupelo views this project as a high priority in raising the city to the level of preparedness needed to protect and save lives and property. The project allows the city to enhance daily operations and continue operations during times of disaster. This facility will be invaluable to those within the jurisdiction.

As mayor, I am committed to the health, safety and welfare of our citizens. I firmly believe the Real Time Intelligence Center is well worth the investment of additional commitment and resources. Should you have any additional questions or require further information about this funding request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Jordan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Todd Jordan, its Mayor
City of Tupelo, Mississippi

March 29, 2023

RE: License Plate Readers/Surveillance Cameras/Mobile Surveillance Trailer

Dear Trent Kelly,

I am writing to express my support for the City of Tupelo Police Department's funding proposal for the purchase of License Plate Readers, Surveillance Cameras, and a Mobile Surveillance Trailer.

Tupelo Schools and the Tupelo Police Department have always worked together to keep our students and staff safe during all events. This technology will allow us to continue this relationship and add an extra layer of protection for Tupelo Public School District as well. Having the ability to record and track potential threats allows our security teams to be prepared and will also allow valuable response time for a potential threat.

The increase in active shooter events in our country has also increased the need of a mobile surveillance trailer. The addition of this system will give police officers the ability to respond to these events quickly and efficiently on site as needed.

One of our board goals is to provide a safe, secure and orderly environment in all schools. Having this advanced technology will allow or relationship to continue providing a safe environment not only for the citizens of Tupelo but our entire district.

This project deserves full support from Congress. I look forward to its successful completion and ask for your full consideration.

Sincerely,



Rob Picou, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Tupelo Public Schools



March 29, 2023

The Honorable Trent Kelly
United States House of Representatives
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Tupelo Virtual Command Center

Dear Congressman Kelly:

On behalf of the Tupelo Convention & Visitors Bureau Board, please accept this letter of support for the City of Tupelo Police Department in their application for assistance in establishing a Virtual Command Center.

The City of Tupelo Police Department provides citizens and visitors to our community the protection and support needed to make people feel safe and the resources requested in this application will provide a greater level of protection. If your community isn't safe, then people will not want to live, work, or play there and those three things are vital to our economy. We have made a great investment in our recreation and downtown areas to provide places for people to gather and the security and safety of those people is always top of mind in any of our planning.

In closing, supporting this project for the City of Tupelo Police Department will have far reaching effects on the long term economy of our city insuring that people feel safe and choose to live in or visit our five time All America City.

Sincerely,

Neal McCoy
Executive Director
Tupelo Convention & Visitors Bureau



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TATE REEVES, GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SEAN J. TINDELL, COMMISSIONER

The Honorable Mike Trent Kelly
Office of Congress
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

SUBJECT: Appropriation Request for Tupelo Police Department and City of Tupelo

Dear Congressman Kelly

I write on behalf of the Tupelo Police Department and the City of Tupelo, in support of a grant for surveillance cameras, license plate readers and a mobile surveillance trailer for special events.

My agency supports awarding grant funds through appropriation funding to the Tupelo Police Department and the City of Tupelo for this project. This project will serve the area and increase the capability to serve in day-to-day operations and in the event of a disaster. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (601)933-7200.

Respectfully,

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Baxter Kruger
Executive Director, Mississippi Office of Homeland Security
Mississippi Department of Public Safety



LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

JIM H. JOHNSON
SHERIFF

John A. Hall
Chief Deputy



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United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

RE: *License Plate Reader, Surveillance Cameras, and a Mobile Surveillance Trailer for Special Events*

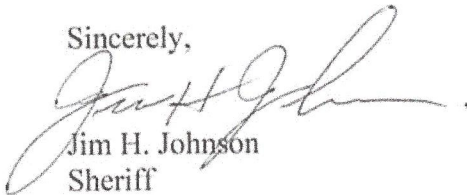
Dear Congressman Kelly:

On my behalf as Sheriff of Lee County, MS, I am writing this letter in support of the Tupelo Police Department proposal for a license plate reader, surveillance cameras, and a mobile surveillance trailer for special events. This funding will allow the Tupelo Police Department to purchase equipment that is necessary in the prevention of a crime and measures that will help our community remain a safe place.

I am certain that the Tupelo Police Department will benefit from this modern technology. If you require any further information, feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Jim H. Johnson
Sheriff

Bill Benson

**Lee County Chancery Clerk & County Administrator
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March 29, 2023

The Honorable Trent Kelly
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC. 20515

RE: Real-Time Intelligence Center

Dear Representative Kelly:

This letter is to express support for the real-time intelligence center for the City of Tupelo Police Department. Any funds appropriated would be used for license plate readers, surveillance cameras and a mobile surveillance trailer for special events. These additions to the police force would greatly enhance the ability to access information quickly and share it with other agencies when a crime occurs. This equipment will not only aid the Tupelo Police Department, but also the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

This project will be very beneficial to law enforcement and the citizens of Tupelo and Lee County. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bill Benson
Lee County Chancery Clerk/County Administrator



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United States House of Representatives
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
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SUBJECT: Tupelo Police Department Request for Equipment

Please allow this letter to commend, endorse, and support the City of Tupelo Police Department's and Chief John Quaka's request for \$500,000 in funding for the license plate readers, surveillance cameras, and a mobile surveillance trailer for numerous special events and policing taking place in the City of Tupelo.

As one of the most economically diverse cities in Mississippi with two regionally headquartered banks, a number of manufacturing operations, and the nation's largest rural hospital, Tupelo is a hub for economic growth and activity. Chief Quaka and the City of Tupelo Police Department support that growth and development and work hard to keep citizens and property safe and harm free.

In addition, the thousands of visitors to the Elvis Presley Birthplace make it one of the top tourist attractions in the State of Mississippi with visitors from all fifty states and many foreign countries such as the Netherlands, England, Germany, Canada, and many more. A safe environment for tourism and commerce is vital for continued prosperity and these enhancements to law enforcement will go a long way in maintaining a civil environment.

These law enforcement improvements will help make our City of Tupelo Police Department enforcement more effective and efficient in the future and will aid in keeping the peace in our community. Please consider favorably this funding request.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

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David P. Rumbarger
President/CEO

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