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April 18, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman U.S. House of Representatives House Appropriations Committee H-307 – The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member U.S. House of Representatives House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Chickasaw County Sheriff Department COPS Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, located at One Pinson Square, Houston, MS 38851.

This grant will directly improve public safety for over 17,000 residents in Chickasaw County by replacing aging vehicles and equipment. It ensures deputies can respond quickly and effectively, especially in rural areas where reliable coverage is critical. Modern radios, surveillance tools, and patrol vehicles help prevent crime, support emergency response, and build trust between law enforcement and the community. Overall, this investment creates a safer environment for families, schools, and businesses by strengthening the county's ability to protect and serve.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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, Trent Kelly Member of Congre