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April 28, 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 DeSoto County Sheriff's Police Modernization Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Desoto County Sheriff's Office located at 3091 Industrial Dr.W, Hernando, MS 38632.

This project is a responsible use of taxpayer funds because investing in the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department's equipment enhancement initiative is a responsible and strategic use of taxpayer dollars, directly contributing to the safety, security, and well-being of the community. By replacing outdated and mechanically unreliable assets, the Department ensures that law enforcement officers are equipped with reliable, modern tools necessary to respond effectively to emergencies, protect lives, and maintain public order.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Trent Kelly', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress