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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 Lee County, MS - In-Car Video/Automated License Plate Reader Modernization project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lee County Sheriff's Department, located at 510 Commerce Street, Tupelo, MS 38804.

This would be a good use of taxpayer funding due to the public safety nexus. The requested funding would be used to purchase a modern technology in-car video/audio camera system. This system would include wireless download capability through a LTE network so our officers can download video from anywhere. This will allow the officers to remain in the field to be a proactive deterrent to crime and be able to respond to calls for service in a timely manner. The system will be able to transmit real time video so department supervisors can see what is happening in the field without being there in person. This will be good for officer safety and accountability. The system will have an integrated automatic license plate reader. Because of the LTE network connection, this license plate reader will receive real time updates from the National Crime Information Center for things like stolen vehicles, missing persons and wanted persons. Officers will also be able to immediately upload information on things like stolen vehicles or vehicles associated with a missing person. The quicker information is shared with other agencies the more successful we are in solving crimes and saving victims. All these capabilities will be tied together with an evidence program that will allow us to manage the information captured by the system. This project will allow the county to increase its operational efficiency and transparency as it serves and protects the citizens of the community.

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