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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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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 Prentiss County, MS- Sheriff's Department Equipment Upgrade Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Prentiss County Sheriff's Department, located at 1901 E. Chambers Drive, Booneville, MS 38829.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because by replacing outdated duty weapons and equipping each officer with a duty rifle, the project enhances law enforcement's ability to respond effectively to potential threats, particularly during active shooter situations, thereby ensuring citizen safety. Moreover, the procurement of new patrol vehicles minimizes maintenance costs associated with older models, ultimately saving taxpayer dollars in the long run. The introduction of an automated fingerprinting machine expedites the identification process, aiding in the swift apprehension of fugitives and enhancing public security. Additionally, upgrading computer systems reduces the risk of security breaches, safeguarding sensitive information and promoting operational efficiency. Overall, this initiative signifies a responsible and strategic investment in the community's safety and well-being, demonstrating a commitment to efficient resource utilization and effective law enforcement practices. 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.

TK/smr

Sincerely,

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

Trent Kelly  
Member of Congress