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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 Tupelo, MS - Tupelo Police Department Technology Modernization project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Tupelo Police Department, located at 400 North Front Street, Tupelo, MS 38804.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because by establishing a Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC) in Tupelo constitutes a prudent and valuable use of taxpayer funds. By integrating advanced technologies such as license plate readers, extensive camera networks, and officer body/car cameras, the RTIC empowers law enforcement to monitor and respond to potential threats in real time. This proactive approach to public safety not only enhances the security of residents and visitors but also modernizes law enforcement practices to effectively address evolving security challenges. Furthermore, the collaborative effort between the City of Tupelo, the Tupelo Police Department, and the Tupelo Public School District reflects a community-wide commitment to enhancing safety and well-being. By extending security measures to schools and public spaces, the initiative fosters a collaborative approach to crime prevention. Moreover, the deployment of advanced surveillance technologies ensures accountability and transparency in law enforcement operations, instilling confidence among taxpayers that their funds are being used responsibly to uphold public safety and the rule of law.

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 extending from the end.

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress