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March 23, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Coldwater, MS – Town of Coldwater Technology Enhancement in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Town of Coldwater, located at 444 Court Street, Coldwater MS, 38618.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because this helps the police department streamline work. The overall objective of this request is to enhance the Town of Coldwater Police Department using electronic technology for issuing citations, documenting crime reports and records management system for inputting reports into the FBI National Incident-Based Reporting System. Town of Coldwater Police Officers now produce four copies of hand-written citations and crime reports – a overly tedious practice meant to create records for the motorist or victim, police department, local courts, city hall and an officer's personal files. Each citation takes roughly eight to ten minutes or more (pending circumstances surrounding) to write and a comparable amount of time back the police department to enter the collected information into their computer systems. Switching to an electronic citations program allows the officer to scan the bar codes on a driver's license and vehicle registrations instead of manually entering the data on paper. Using technology increases safety for the officers during a traffic stop by quickly capturing driver license data with 100% accuracy, automatically populating the e-citations and crime report forms, eliminating unwieldy paperwork, reducing the average time for a traffic stop, ensuring more timely filing of reports. This automated software provides the opportunity to scan the driver's license through a stopped motorist window without physical contact, which is a safety concern for the officers due to continued COVID variants. This software will fully automate the officer's daily tasks. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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'.

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress

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