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The Honorable Trent Kelly  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2243 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515  
Re: City of Oxford New Police Station

Dear Congressman Kelly,

It is my hope that the reception of this letter finds you well. I am writing you in support of our great partners at the Oxford Police Department here in Oxford, Mississippi. The Oxford Police Department serve the University of Mississippi on the front line of public safety, particularly our students that live off campus, many of whom are living away from home for the first time in their lives. I believe Oxford Police Department's mission statement is not simply a catch phrase, but true to the fabric of the men and women who serve. "To serve our community with wisdom and compassion and to create a safe and connected community" is so much more than public safety or policing, it is a people-oriented way of serving. In my interaction with Chief McCutchen and the men and women of the Oxford Police Department, they truly live by those principles.

With all of this in mind, I fully support the Oxford Police Department for the grant that will assist in the funding of a new Oxford Police Station. The current station is outdated, cramped, and not sufficient to sustain the growing community at the University of Mississippi and the Oxford community. The city's plan for a new state-of-the art Police Station is already well underway. The city is in design development phase of the process with bidding expected in August 2023. Now is the time to support the Oxford Police Department. I am certain that the University of Mississippi, the City of Oxford, and Lafayette County will all benefit from construction of the new police station for the Oxford Police Department.

Sincerely,

Glenn F. Boyce  
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THE CITY OF  
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Re: City of Oxford 2023 DOJ Community Oriented Policing Technology & Equipment Grant

Dear Congressman Kelly,

It is my hope that the reception of this letter finds you well. I am writing you in support of our 2023 DOJ Community Oriented Policing Technology & Equipment (COPS) grant application for the Oxford Police Department. The Oxford Police are on the front line of public safety in our community and the technology requested in our grant will undoubtedly allow our men and women to serve the public to the fullest extent. Our mission statement is not simply a catch phrase; it is true to the fabric of our men and women who serve. "To serve our community with wisdom and compassion and to create a safe and connected community" is so much more than public safety or policing, it is a people-oriented way of serving. Chief McCutchen and the men and women of the Oxford Police Department truly live by those principles.

With all of this in mind, we are requesting your support of the Oxford Police Department for the grant that will fund the network servers, AV equipment for community room, dispatch equipment, body camera charging, and personal computing stations for patrol officers. Our current network servers, police workstations, and dispatch technology is outdated and insufficient to sustain the growing community of Oxford. Our plan for a new state-of-the art Police Station is to replace our outdated systems. The technology infrastructure for this new building has been identified as critical need by Chief McCutchen, and, Christopher Simmons, our Infrastructure Technology Director, has prepared quotes for the installation of a new technology suite (including the items mentioned previously). Now is the time to support the Oxford Police Department. I am confident that no other community has as project-ready need as we do at this point for the COPS funding request.

Sincerely,

Robyn Tannehill