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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,817,454 for the UT Chattanooga AI Crime Analysis Lab in FY 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Tennessee System, located at Tennessee Tower 26th Floor, 312 Rosa L Parks Ave., Nashville, TN 37243. The funding would be used to establish, within 12 months, a UT Chattanooga Crime Intelligence Training Center and AI Crime Analysis Lab to support local efforts by criminal justice agencies and service providers to reduce violent crime, strengthen community-based supervision, and expand drug treatment programs. Specifically, the funding will be used to purchase specialized equipment to outfit the crime intelligence training center and AI Crime Analysis lab, including forensic lab systems to analyze ballistic information and user licenses for business-level AI platforms. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will further strengthen community partnerships, allowing for stronger and faster data analysis that will better support the reduction of violent crime and drug addiction and overdose in the region.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann
Member of Congress