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The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
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H-310 The Capitol
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The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Related Agencies
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright:

I am requesting \$701,314.35 for the Tech Forward Initiative as a community project funding request. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bradley County Sheriff's Office, located at 2290 Blythe Ave SE, Cleveland, Tennessee 37311. The Bradley County Sheriff's Office patrol deputies' vehicles are currently outfitted with very outdated technology. The Tech Forward Initiative Project provides Panasonic Toughbook laptops, Cradle Points, and cellular data sim cards for 60 months inside patrol vehicles. Panasonic Toughbooks provide more durability and a longer life span than the laptops currently used. Cradle point routers will significantly improve service range in our rural areas and allow more stable internet coverage, which provides better GPS location for our officers' safety. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the Bradley County Sheriff's Office will employ the latest technology to provide the safest possible environment for the community.

This 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,

Chuck Fleischmann
Member of Congress