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The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
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The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright:

I am requesting \$700,000 for the Patrol Vehicles for Rough Terrain Project. The entity to receive funding is the Polk County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) located at 164 Industrial Access Circle, Benton, Tennessee 37307. It is a constant struggle for PCSO to be able to meet the budget and maintain services that the people of the community need and deserve. They have 28 sworn personnel to cover 442 square miles with many roads being gravel roads that are not kept well. Due to the size of the county and the mountainous areas they must cover, wear and tear on their vehicles is a constant fight. PCSO has been trying to transition to SUV type vehicles to have more ground clearance along with 4-wheel drive capability to get to areas that our current patrol cars may not be able to. This fleet of vehicles will allow for patrol officers to respond quickly and effectively when answering calls in rougher terrain and in mountainous areas. Being a rural county with a very limited tax base, funding for vehicles is difficult to attain. Obtaining ten vehicles at one time will greatly enhance and bring the Polk County Sheriff's Office fleet up to date. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will promote efficiency and safety for the Deputies as well as the citizens we serve when responding to calls.

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