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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 \$3,000,000 for Hamilton County Sheriff's Office located at 600 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is seeking to replace 428 aging portable radios, essential for effective communication during emergencies and bolstering regional interoperability in the District 3 Region. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is in critical need of modernized communication equipment to effectively address the evolving challenges faced by law enforcement agencies. Portable radios are an indispensable tool for law enforcement personnel, providing essential communication capabilities crucial for ensuring public safety, coordinating emergency responses, and supporting effective law enforcement operations. The requested grant funding of \$3,000,000 will cover not only the cost of the radios but also necessary accessories such as batteries and chargers, as well as encryption technology to safeguard sensitive communications. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will equip officers with the tools they need to serve and protect their communities effectively, both now and in the future.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes authorized by the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, 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,

Chuck Fleischmann
Member of Congress