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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Bates County Sheriff NGEN 911 in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bates County Sheriff, located at 6 West Ft Scott Street, Butler MO. The funding would be used to transition the legacy 911 infrastructure to a Next Generation 911 (NG911) system.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the funding would be used to upgrade a critical public safety necessity that replaces an outdated, "end-of-life" analog system with a modern, digital, IP-based platform. Those benefits include faster emergency response, precise locations, improved reliability, handle multimedia capabilities, reduce long term cost, improve interagency interoperability, better data management, and aligns Bates County Dispatch Centers to the FCC regulations.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



Mark Alford
Member of Congress