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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 the Cass County Sheriffs Digital Forensics Unit Modernization in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Cass County Sheriffs Office located in 2501 West Mechanic St. Harrisonville, MO 64701. The funding would be used to support the expansion and modernization of the Digital Forensics Investigative Unit (DFIU).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will contribute towards enhancing public safety across Missouri's Fourth Congressional District by expanding and modernizing digital forensic capabilities of the Cass County Sheriff's Office. The DFIU supports more than 40 municipal, county, state, and federal partner agencies across Missouri and Kansas. The expansion will reduce investigative backlogs, accelerate prosecutions, and improve victim recovery, particularly in cases involving child exploitation, human trafficking, and cybercrime. The project directly impacts approximately 310,000 residents served by the Western Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force led by the Cass County Sheriff's Office.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 7 CFR 3570.53.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mark Alford
Member of Congress