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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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March 19, 2026

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 Webster County Sheriff Critical Communication Equipment Upgrade in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Webster County Sheriff, located at 203 E. Jefferson, Marshfield MO. The funding would be used to purchase new radios and ballistic communications helmets, which will significantly enhance the safety and operational effectiveness of law enforcement officers. New radio equipment would allow deputies to communicate clearly with dispatches, neighboring jurisdictions, and emergency responders during high-risk situations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the funding will directly improve officer safety, strengthen emergency response capabilities, and support coordinated public safety operations across multiple jurisdictions. Reliable communication equipment and proper protective gear are essential tools that allow law enforcement officers to safely perform their duties and protect the communities they serve.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Alford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Mark Alford
Member of Congress