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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Town of Society Hill Police Department Law Enforcement Upgrades in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Society Hill Police Department, located at 280 South Main St, Society Hill, South Carolina 29593. The funding would be used to replace a police vehicle and equipment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it replaces an aging, high-maintenance vehicle with a reliable, modern patrol unit, reducing long-term operating costs and improving service delivery. Older vehicles require frequent repairs and create operational risks, while new vehicles provide greater reliability and efficiency. The addition of updated equipment, including in-car camera systems and speed detection technology, enhances accountability, transparency, and evidence collection, strengthening both public trust and law enforcement effectiveness. Modern emergency lighting and safety equipment also improve officer visibility and protection during roadside and emergency responses. For a small, resource-constrained rural department, federal support ensures that officers have the tools necessary to respond quickly and safely without placing additional financial burden on local taxpayers. Community support letters emphasize that a reliable vehicle and equipment are essential to maintaining public safety and effective policing in Society Hill. By investing in durable equipment with a long service life, this project delivers lasting public safety benefits, improves response capability, and maximizes the value of federal funding for both the town and the surrounding region.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Russell Fry  
Member of Congress