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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 Dillon County Sheriff's Office Vehicle and Equipment Upgrades Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Dillon County Sheriff's Office, located at 1033 Old Latta Highway, Suite A, Dillon, South Carolina 29536. The funding would be used to purchase vehicles and radios for officers in Dillon County.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses core public safety needs in a high-crime jurisdiction by investing in essential, front-line law enforcement equipment. The funding will be used to replace aging patrol vehicles and outdated communication systems that are critical to daily law enforcement operations. Reliable vehicles are necessary for deputies to respond quickly to emergencies, conduct patrols, and maintain a visible presence in the community. Older vehicles increase maintenance costs, experience more frequent breakdowns, and can delay response times, ultimately putting both officers and the public at risk. Replacing these vehicles reduces long-term maintenance expenses while improving operational readiness. Similarly, modern 800 MHz radios are essential for officer safety and effective coordination. Updated radios improve communication clarity, interoperability with other agencies, and real-time situational awareness—especially important in emergency and high-risk incidents. Given Dillon County's high rate of violent crime, ensuring that deputies are equipped with reliable vehicles and communication tools is critical to protecting residents and maintaining public order. This investment strengthens law enforcement effectiveness, reduces long-term costs, and delivers a clear public safety benefit, making it a strong and appropriate use of federal taxpayer dollars.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is 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, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Russell Fry  
Member of Congress