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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 Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Records Management and Archival Upgrades Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, located at 430 North Fraser Street, Georgetown, South Carolina 29442. The funding would be used to substantially update and improve Georgetown's records management, retention, and access.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a foundational gap in law enforcement infrastructure—reliable, accessible, and secure records—while delivering measurable improvements in efficiency, public safety, and accountability. Currently, the Sheriff's Office maintains hundreds of thousands of records that are difficult or impossible to search, with no backup system in place. This creates risks for investigations, delays casework, and increases the likelihood of errors. Modernizing these systems will allow deputies and investigators to quickly access critical information, connect related cases, and identify crime trends, leading to faster resolutions and more effective deployment of resources. As highlighted in community support letters, accurate and accessible records are essential to successful prosecution, evidence preservation, and timely response to legal and public records requests. Disorganized or inaccessible records can delay cases and jeopardize outcomes, while modern systems strengthen accountability and transparency. The project also reduces long-term costs by eliminating duplicative systems, minimizing administrative inefficiencies, and preventing unnecessary equipment purchases through improved inventory tracking. Enhanced analytics will further allow the department to proactively address crime patterns rather than react to them. Importantly, this request aligns directly with COPS Technology and Equipment priorities by modernizing criminal records systems to improve law enforcement effectiveness, officer safety, and community trust. In sum, this is a targeted, technology-driven investment that improves public safety outcomes, strengthens the justice system, and ensures taxpayer resources are used efficiently and responsibly.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. Section 10381(b)(9)).

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

Sincerely,



Russell Fry  
Member of Congress