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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Marion Police Department Equipment Upgrade Project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Marion, located at 107 S. Main Street, Marion, SC, 29571. This funding would be used to purchase a gunshot detection system, which would give enforcement an effective tool in pinpointing gun violence in the City of Marion. The gunshot detection system works up to a one-mile radius determining where gunfire came from, allowing the Marion Police Department to respond to gunshots like a fire department would respond to a local fire.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City of Marion has experienced a rise in gun violence over the past five years. Unfortunately, gang violence has become a problem in the City of Marion with drive-by shootings and retaliation gun violence visited on relatives of gang members. This affects the quality of life of the City of Marion residents and the ability to raise a family in an already tough economic environment.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is aligned with the purposes of section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Russell Fry  
Member of Congress