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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

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 Francis Marion University (FMU) Campus Police Security Improvements Project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Francis Marion University, located at 4822 East Palmetto Street, Florence, SC, 29506. The funding would be used to purchase equipment and technology, including cameras, radios, and servers, for the Francis Marion University Campus Police Department, allowing Campus Police to continue to serve and protect the campus and surrounding communities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would increase overall public safety and support collaboration between local agencies to better respond to emergencies. The request comes from the need to upgrade outdated technology and add to current capabilities to ensure continued preventative measures in protecting individuals in and around the campus. The current cameras are between 12-15 years old. The FMU officers help protect the roughly 5,000 people who live and work on the campus as well as the citizens of the surrounding area.

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