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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 Marion County Wide TDMA Capable Radios Project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Marion County Sheriff's Office, located at 1811 North 501 Bypass, Marion, SC, 29571. The funding would be used to purchase new radios for the Marion County Sheriff's Office so that they are compatible with an upcoming system update.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the radios will help reduce response times, improve situational awareness, and ensure that law enforcement and emergency personnel can communicate without interruption. These radios will enhance communication capabilities by improving interoperability between local, county, and state agencies, enabling more efficient coordination during emergencies and routine operations. The radios will allow different departments to seamlessly communicate on the same platform, eliminating issues related to incompatible systems. This is especially critical in situations that require swift, coordinated responses, such as natural disasters, large-scale events, or criminal investigations that involve multiple jurisdictions.

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