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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
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Chesterfield County Radio Improvement Project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office, located at 203 Watson Street, Chesterfield, SC 29709.

This funding would be used to purchase 911 emergency radio equipment, including dash mount radio units and portable radios. This equipment would replace the county's current 911 radio equipment, a significant portion of which is now approaching the end of its operational or practical life. Additionally, Chesterfield County is one of the few counties in South Carolina that is not operating on the Palmetto 800 Statewide network radio system due to budget restrictions.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office cannot communicate with other first responders in the county, surrounding counties, and other law enforcement partners on the state and federal levels. Chesterfield County spans over 800 square miles, and often deputies work by themselves, and back-up help may be miles away.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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.

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community funding project in the FY25 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Russell Fry
Member of Congress