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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 Horry County Emergency Communications Enhancements project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Horry County Government, located at 1301 Second Avenue, Conway, SC 29526.

This funding will be used to facilitate connection of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems of multiple law enforcement agencies within four South Carolina coastal counties, enhancing emergency communications information sharing and situational awareness among those agencies. The deployment of CAD allows first responders to provide more timely reaction to emergency situations, thereby supporting crisis intervention.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because the project would create an intergovernmental agreement between coastal communities, which provides mutual aid for emergency communications, information sharing, and operational planning. This benefits the community, public safety, and law enforcement. These public safety answering points use computer-aided dispatch to track all incidents, law enforcement response, law enforcement locations, response plans, and other information necessary to create a safe and efficient response.

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