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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 City of Marion Police Department Equipment Upgrade project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Marion, located at 1024 South 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.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding 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 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