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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 Town of Nichols Public Safety Upgrades project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Nichols, located at 514 Mullins Street, Nichols, SC 29581.

This funding would be used to purchase equipment and technology, including police cruisers, anti-stabbing protection vests, and license plate recognition cameras. This would allow for improvements and upgrades to increase public safety in the Town of Nichols. Prior to devastating floods in 2016 and 2018, Nichols was equipped to handle drug interdiction and was able to keep crime rates down. However, the police department was forced to scale back due to budget constraints.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because the police force needs to be enlarged and meet increased demand. This will aid in canvassing neighborhoods, drug interdiction, and preventing crime in the Town of Nichols.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152). 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