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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$500,000 in funding for the El Paso County Public Safety Radio Infrastructure & Interoperability Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, located at 27 East Vermijo Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. The funding would be used to acquire interoperable, portable radios to support law enforcement in El Paso County's diverse mountainous terrain.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this equipment would eliminate the need for deputies to carry two separate radios that operate at different frequencies for work in both mountain and urban regions. The upgraded equipment will strengthen coordination with municipal police, fire departments, EMS providers, and regional partners, ensuring a unified response during natural disasters, large public gatherings, and other emergencies that affect the district's residents and businesses.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)) authorizes grants to States and units of local government to develop new technologies, including interoperable communications technologies, to assist State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Jeff Crank
Member of Congress