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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Springfield BEACON Outreach Lifesaving Treatment Vehicle Acquisition in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Springfield, located at 800 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62701. The funding would be used for the acquisition of a specialized ambulance for behavioral health emergencies to expand the city's emergency response capacity for mental health and drug overdose emergencies. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves the city's ability to respond to mental health emergencies, allows city firefighters more capacity for fire rescue operations, and diverts individuals from costly emergency room visits.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nikki Budzinski".

Nikki Budzinski
Member of Congress