

March 30, 2023

Chairwoman Kay Granger  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Madison County Schools Bi-Direction Amplifier project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Madison County Sheriff's Office, located at 115 Church Street, Madison, Virginia 22727. The funding would be used to provide reliable radio coverage equipment inside Madison County's four public schools for use by law enforcement and first responders. The bi-directional amplifier system will consist of antenna cables throughout the building with an antenna system leading back to the main radio system, allowing the Madison County Sheriff's Office to have communication capabilities with other responders and the Emergency Communications Center.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would provide full coverage inside the school buildings, enabling communication that may be otherwise be unavailable due to interferences with radio coverage. By providing necessary communication capabilities to improve planning, response times, and efficiency in instances of emergencies inside the County's schools, the system would protect the lives of students, faculty, and law enforcement. This project would enable the life-saving communication necessary to keep students, staff, and first responders safe during a large-scale emergency.

The funding request aligns with section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)) to acquire technologies and equipment, including interoperable communications technologies, to assist a local law enforcement agency.

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

Sincerely,



Abigail Spanberger  
Member of Congress