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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 Emergency Police Dispatch project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Stafford County, located at 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Virginia, 22554. The funding would be used to purchase an Emergency Dispatch System for the Stafford County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) which would provide a computerized emergency dispatching system, enabling users to input emergency dispatching protocols in the form of question and response prompts. Dispatchers would use these prompts when intaking emergency police calls in order to ensure the most appropriate and personalized response is provided.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the system would result in improved dispatching of all law enforcement-related emergency calls, boosting the accuracy of dispatching, community policing, and emergency response. It has a countywide benefit to all the approximately 163,000 residents of Stafford County, all visitors to the County, and all law enforcement personnel. The system would provide a standardization of emergency police dispatching to ensure quality, personalized care to individuals in need depending on the circumstances of each emergency, giving law enforcement the necessary resources to save lives and keep residents and visitors safe.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)). Specifically, the project allows a local law enforcement agency to acquire a new equipment technology to assist their activities, as is authorized in section 1701(b)(3) and 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.

Sincerely,



Abigail Spanberger
Member of Congress