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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Bristol Microwave Site Transmit and Receive Conversion in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Liberty County Sheriff's Office, located at 12832 N Central St, Bristol, FL 32321. The funding would be used to purchase transmit and receive equipment for a 6-channel site, transmit and receive antennas, tower modifications, and labor to install all equipment. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Liberty County currently lacks in-building radio coverage in the City of Bristol, which houses critical infrastructures including the county courthouse, jail, sheriff administration, emergency management, and schools. It is becoming increasingly important for all first responder personnel to have immediate radio communications via their portable radio inside buildings. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it is a one-time funding request that will improve public safety for all first responders, residents, and visitors to Liberty County by enabling portable inbuilding radio coverage in the County, including the City of Bristol. Maintenance and software support will be provided by the state of Florida as part of the overall State Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) maintenance and support.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 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,

Neal P. Dunn, M.D.

Member of Congress