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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman,
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member,
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Washington County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Communications Tower Upgrade in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Washington County Sheriff's Office, located at 711 Third St. Chipley, FL 32428. The funding would be used to support infrastructure improvements at an existing public safety communications tower within the County. The Sheriff's Office is the only entity within the County to receive and dispatch all 911 calls. Receiving funds to upgrade components of the tower (including antennas, hardware, and software) will further the safety of citizens and law enforcement, while enhancing response times and secure communication.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds for several reasons. Tower upgrades will ensure individuals are assisted quickly during an emergency, as the upgrades will lead to improved emergency response times. In a rural, fiscally constrained County where communication coverage is weak in some areas, these funds will help first responders serve residents and guests in all parts of the County and provide backup coverage to first responders if the other two public safety communication towers lose strength. This public safety infrastructure enhancement will lead to cost-efficiency and save taxpayer dollars for emergency services, while providing taxpayers with peace of mind regarding public safety.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neal P. Dunn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Neal" and last name "Dunn" being clearly legible, and "P." in the middle.

Neal P. Dunn, M.D.
Member of Congress