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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for **Washington County Sheriff Office Hybrid Patrol Vehicles and River Patrol Boats** in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Washington County** located at 14949 62nd St. N Stillwater, MN 55082.

The project proposed by Washington County is to purchase 20 Ford Interceptor Hybrid Squad Cars and two new River Patrol Boats and Motors. This project would allow the Sheriff's Office to invest in the latest Hybrid vehicle technology to help reduce the fuel consumption and the impact the fleet has on the environment. The purposed vehicles would be used by deputies to patrol both local roadways and the interstate System. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for patrolling both the St. Croix River and the Mississippi River. These riverways are both used by recreational and commercial boat traffic. The size of the vessels that operate on these waterways and the large geographical area that they cover require a robust and safe watercraft to perform the necessary public safety services, including safety patrols, search and rescue, critical infrastructure protection, such as bridges, dams and refinery, and responding to emergencies. These boats are regional asset's that are used to assist other local, state and federal agencies. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum  
Member of Congress