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March 19, 2026

Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Public Safety Technology and Equipment in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Ramsey located at 425 Grove Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. The funding would be used for seven integrated technology and equipment components to address documented capability gaps identified through after-action reviews and regional threat assessments. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will modernize Ramsey County's law enforcement technology infrastructure, improve emergency response capabilities, enhance officer safety, and strengthen the Sheriff's Office's ability to protect the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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 "Betty McCollum".

Betty McCollum  
Member of Congress