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Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-310 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Saint Paul Police Department Portable Radio Replacement Project in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Saint Paul, located at 390 City Hall Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102.

The replacement of 600 end-of-life police portable radios is necessary for the City of St. Paul to maintain the ability to effectively respond to public safety needs and sustain interoperable communications among the first responder network within the city and among mutual-aid communities. The City depends on 1,974 radios to provide public safety and services to residents, and 1,215 of those are used by the police department to perform its role in the City's Community First Public Safety strategy. Those radios, first procured in 2003, have been out of manufacturer's support since 2018 and reached their end of life and must be replaced to ensure compatibility with the State of Minnesota's P25 ARMER network. Full replacement of all of the City's radios would cost nearly \$10 million, but this project will assist with most critical need in Saint Paul: replacing 600 radios used by sworn officers to investigate, respond to, and prevent crime in the community. This federal funding would be partnered with additional funding procured by the City to sustain the communications necessary to protect and serve the community.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress