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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the First Responder Interoperable Communication Radio System Upgrade in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the York County Government, located at:

York County Government
45 Kennebunk Road
Alfred, Maine 04002

The funding would be used for modernizing the York County Sheriff's Office communications infrastructure through the replacement of aging deputy radios, associated repeater upgrades at sites throughout York County required to support the modernized system, and replacement of the county's primary radio tower, which will enable reliable interoperable communication with local police, fire, EMS, and state agencies across all of York County, Maine.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Federal investment in this project directly addresses a documented, acute public safety deficiency in Maine's 2nd-most populous county. The communications gap between the York County Sheriff's Office and its partner agencies is a structural failure that puts deputies at risk and compromises every dollar already invested in York County's law enforcement workforce.

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

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I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chellie R.", written in a cursive style.

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress