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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Wake Tech Law Enforcement Equipment, Technology, and Training Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wake Technical Community College, located at 5401 Rolesville Road, Wendell, NC, 27591. The funding would be used for equipment for the Wake Tech Police Department as well as for training programs for law enforcement officers across the county.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide direct equipment and technology to the Wake Tech Police Department, a fully sanctioned law enforcement agency, to bring its communications and reporting systems up to date and comply with State Bureau of Investigations regulations. Funds will also allow for state-of-the-art training services to campus police and local and state agencies through the college's Law Enforcement Training Program. The proposed training equipment and technology outlined in this request are a small portion of the entire project cost, which includes facilities, technology, equipment, curriculum development, instruction, student support services, and other operational costs, which are met by other non-federal funding sources. The proposed project will ensure the Wake Tech Police Department has adequate technology and that training is regional and includes all agencies that would provide emergency response during active shooter situations. The public will benefit from regionally trained agencies that can coordinate a unified response to reduce delays in immediate action to prevent further injuries or loss of life, including in active shooter/assailant events.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Deborah K. Ross
Member of Congress