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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 County Sheriff's Office Mobile Command Unit and Equipment Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Wake County Sheriff's Office, located at 330 S. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27601. The funding would be used for or a state-of-the-art Mobile Command Center (MCC) to provide mobile space for unified responses in situations such as missing persons, tactical callouts, homicides, and other circumstances where response time is critical.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the MCC will provide an additional means of security for Wake County citizens. The MCC will be designed to handle situations that are beyond the capabilities of ordinary law enforcement forces due to the level of security needed for situations with violence or risk of violence. Missions include serving of search warrants for dangerous persons; arresting or neutralizing dangerous or unstable armed persons; intervening in natural disasters; and assisting in homeland security and high-risk situations such as shootouts, hostage-taking, and terrorist incidents. A number of different law enforcement agencies and divisions can be involved (Local, State, Federal, Patrol, Investigations, Special Operations, etc.) during these situations. This mobile unit will also be available for other County departments and surrounding municipalities with WCSO officers available for assistance.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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