

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3302**

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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 Wendell Police Department In-Car Camera Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Wendell Police Department, located at 409 Landing View Drive, Wendell, NC 27591. The funding would be used to decommission all current in-car cameras and acquire 24 new in-car cameras, which would be supported by a new, cloud-based storage solution.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the videos captured from the in-car system are utilized to complete investigations of officer-involved uses of force, collisions, pursuits, and complaints of misconduct. The footage aids the department with preserving and presenting evidence of incidents responded to by its officers. Furthermore, it improves managerial processes associated with complaint investigation, policy development, risk management, and training. Improving these systems will not only help the Wendell community but also its criminal justice partners. The cloud-based video storage will ensure effective and efficient video data transfer with the District Attorney's Office. It also provides additional access to evidence for external law enforcement agencies when doing multi-agency events and responding to adjoining or shared jurisdiction locations. Most significantly, upgraded in-car camera systems will improve the trust of the community and help build a healthy relationship with citizens by showing the community that WPD is committed to preserving civil rights, increasing access to justice, supporting the victims of crimes, and protecting the public from evolving threats.

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