



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 2, 2025

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 Crime Scene Laser Scanner and Crime Scene Processing Equipment in FY 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Great Falls Police Department, located at 112 1st Street South, Great Falls, MT 59401. The funding would be used to purchase a Crime Scene Laser Scanner and processing equipment for the Great Falls Police Department, enabling efficient and accurate crime scene documentation, with the equipment and software shared with the Cascade County Sheriff's Office to support interagency evidence distribution. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance community safety by modernizing crime scene processing and supporting regional law enforcement, while also providing prosecutors and juries with clear, accurate visual evidence.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Troy Downing".

Troy Downing
Member of Congress