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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office Communications Equipment project in FY2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office, located at 406 Fuller Ave., Helena, MT 59601. The funding would be used to purchase 14 satellite systems to address communication gaps in remote areas, improving officer safety and enabling reliable coordination during operations, even without traditional radio towers in Lewis and Clark County. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this technology will improve deputy effectiveness in LTE- and radio-denied areas, enhancing public service and officer safety.

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