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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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Toole County Public Safety Detention Facility in FY 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Toole County, located at 226 1st St. So., Shelby MT 59474. The funding would be used for the renovation of the county's detention facility that will expand its inmate capacity and incorporate essential modern features. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will decrease the strain on the Toole County's existing detention infrastructure that is operating above the recommended 80-85% capacity threshold for safe and effective facility management.

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

Respectfully,

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

Troy Downing
Member of Congress