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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 Yellowstone County Short-term Detention Facility project in FY2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Yellowstone County, located at 316 North 26th Street, Billings, MT 59101. This funding will support the construction of a short-term detention facility for Yellowstone County by providing resources to pay for and install security control doors and corresponding access control and communications systems. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help provide much-needed additional detention space for Yellowstone County, alleviating burdens on the county's main detention facility.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, 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