

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for The City of Wilmington's Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wilmington, located at 929 N Front P.O. Box: 1810, Wilmington, NC 28401. The funding would be used for the acquisition of a modern bomb robot, communications equipment, such as mobile repeaters for command and specialty vehicles to provide more reliable communications and interoperability during crisis situations, and in-car camera systems to capture events for criminal prosecutions and professional standards reviews.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The City of Wilmington's Police Department is the host agency for Cape Fear Regional Special Teams, a cooperative of public safety agencies that combine resources to enhance emergency response and preparedness in the following areas: special weapons and tactics; explosive device remediation, crisis negotiations, and emergency logistical support. Ten agencies participate in the cooperative, spanning New Hanover, Pender, and Brunswick counties, and including the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and the North Carolina State Ports.

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.

Sincerely,

