

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Officer Safety and Technology Enhancement Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina located at 5770 Rockfish Rd, Hope Mills, NC 28348. The funding would be used to provide updated protective gear and technology for the Hope Mills Police Department, including replacing outdated body armor, equipping patrol vehicles with modern systems, and supporting additional School Resource Officers with necessary vehicles and equipment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it enhances officer safety, improves operational efficiency, and strengthens community safety to meet the town's growing needs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress