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## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 15, 2025

The Honorable David Rouzer  
United States House of Representatives  
2333 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rouzer,

I am writing on behalf of Cumberland County to seek your support for our request for \$1,989,185 in Congressionally Directed Spending for Fiscal Year 2026 to acquire a modern Mobile Incident Command Post. This crucial investment will enhance our emergency response capabilities and ensure public safety during large-scale events and disasters.

The Mobile Incident Command Post we propose will be a unique, state-of-the-art unit equipped with advanced communication technology, satellite systems, and an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) featuring Forward-Looking Infrared Systems (FLIR) capabilities. This cutting-edge technology will facilitate real-time coordination and effective management of operations during incidents such as festivals, fairs, collegiate homecomings, dignitary visits, and other high-security open-air venues that have a heightened risk of terrorism or large-scale emergencies.

Cumberland County Emergency Management will oversee the maintenance of the vehicle, which will be available for use by agencies such as the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association, and local law enforcement.

The addition of this Mobile Incident Command Post will significantly enhance our capability to manage incidents both locally and regionally. It will enable us to respond quickly to emergencies, improve communication among various responding agencies, and provide a central command unit in the field. This investment will be crucial in ensuring the safety of our residents and visitors, preparing us for any emergency or crisis.

I express our sincere gratitude for your continued support of Cumberland County and for considering this vital funding request. Your backing has already significantly impacted our community's safety and well-being, and we are confident that your ongoing support will further enhance our region's emergency response capabilities. Please contact Garry Crumpler, Emergency Management Coordinator, at 910-438-4069 or [gcrumpler@cumberlandcountync.gov](mailto:gcrumpler@cumberlandcountync.gov) if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Kirk J. DeViere, Chairman  
Cumberland County Board of Commissioners

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## Cumberland County Mayors Coalition

April 21, 2025

The Honorable David Rouzer  
United States House of Representatives  
2333 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Dear Congressman Rouzer,**

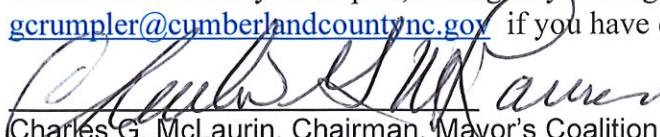
On behalf of the Mayors' Coalition of Cumberland County, I respectfully submit this request for your support in securing \$2 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for Fiscal Year 2026. These funds would be used to acquire a modern Mobile Incident Command Post—an essential asset that would greatly strengthen our regional emergency response infrastructure and enhance public safety during critical incidents and large-scale events.

This advanced unit will serve as a fully equipped, state-of-the-art mobile operations center. Designed with cutting-edge communications technology, satellite connectivity, and an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) featuring Forward-Looking Infrared Systems (FLIR), the Mobile Incident Command Post will enable real-time coordination, strategic oversight, and rapid deployment during emergencies. From major community events like festivals and college homecomings to dignitary visits and high-risk scenarios, this vehicle will provide a central command hub capable of managing complex operations across multiple jurisdictions.

The Cumberland County Emergency Management Department will oversee the maintenance and deployment of this asset, ensuring it is readily available to agencies across our region, including the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, municipal police departments, the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association, and other first responders throughout the county.

Investing in this mobile command unit will significantly increase our capacity to protect lives, streamline interagency communication, and respond decisively in times of crisis. This resource will not only serve Cumberland County but will also bolster regional preparedness and coordination. We deeply appreciate your steadfast support of our communities and respectfully ask for your consideration of this vital funding request. Your leadership continues to play a pivotal role in strengthening the safety and resilience of our region, and we look forward to working with you to secure this much-needed advancement in our emergency response capabilities.

Please contact Garry Crumpler, Emergency Management Coordinator, at 910-438-4069 or [gcrumpler@cumberlandcountync.gov](mailto:gcrumpler@cumberlandcountync.gov) if you have questions.

  
Charles G. McLaurin, Chairman, Mayor's Coalition  
Mayor, Town of Eastover

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April 17, 2025

The Honorable David Rouzer  
United States House of Representatives  
2333 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rouzer,

On behalf of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association, I am writing to strongly support Cumberland County's request for \$2 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for Fiscal Year 2026 to purchase a Mobile Incident Command Post. This state-of-the-art unit, equipped with advanced technology that will significantly enhance our ability to manage emergencies and large-scale events, including festivals, dignitary visits, and high-risk public gatherings.

Additionally, the Mobile Incident Command Post will be designed to comfortably support 20-25 personnel, greatly improving our on-scene coordination and response efficiency. This added capacity will ensure that a sufficient number of responders can effectively work from a centralized location, further enhancing collaboration among agencies like the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, local law enforcement, and other first responders.

Thank you for considering this critical request and for your ongoing support of our community. Your assistance will play a key role in enhancing the safety and security of Cumberland County and the broader region.

Sincerely,

Freddy L. Johnson Sr.

Fire Chief/President

Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association