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Representative David Rouzer  
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Dear Congressman Rouzer,

I write to express my support for the City of Wilmington's FY25 Community Project Funding Request, which would allow the Wilmington Police Department to procure safety and technology equipment that would ultimately benefit the entire region, including much of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

The City of Wilmington's Police Department and Cape Fear Regional Special Teams has requested funding for a modern bomb robot, communications equipment (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.

As you know, the City of Wilmington's Police Department serves as host agency for Cape Fear Regional Special Teams, a cooperative of public safety agencies that combines 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 also including UNC-Wilmington and the North Carolina State Ports.

This funding would improve our abilities to respond to critical incidents in the City of Wilmington and the surrounding areas. Having a fully-equipped special response is crucial based on the number of citizens and visitors in our communities and the number of critical facilities and infrastructure we are honored to protect.

The City of Wilmington appreciates your consideration of this request and your steadfast partnership.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bill Saffo  
City of Wilmington