## **Congress of the United States** House of Representatives Mashington, DC 20515–2404

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairwoman, Committee on Appropriations The U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations The U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding to enhance officer safety equipment and to provide technology upgrades for the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and the Pascagoula Police Department. The entity set to receive funding for this project is Jackson County, Mississippi, located at 2915 Canty Street, Pascagoula, MS 39567. This critical safety funding would be utilized to procure protective equipment, uniforms, communication devices, and other essential technology crucial for maintaining the safety of our communities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it would enhance the capacity of local law enforcement to serve and safeguard our communities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized 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.

Sincerely,

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Mike Ezell Member of Congress