

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2404

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman, 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:

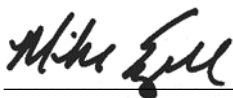
I am requesting funding for the Jones County Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement Equipment & Vehicles project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Jones County Sheriff's Department located at 419 Yates Ave. Laurel, MS, 39440. The funding would be used to procure several key items including but not limited to: portable radios, GETAC laptop computers, body cameras, and a K9 Tahoe.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will strengthen public safety and law enforcement capacity in Jones County by providing critical equipment and patrol vehicles for deputies serving more than 66,000 residents and the many visitors who travel through the county each year. The requested funding will support the acquisition of radio systems compatible with Mississippi's statewide MSWIN network, patrol vehicle technology, body-worn cameras, and K9 patrol vehicles used for narcotics interdiction, search and rescue operations, fugitive apprehension, and general patrol activities. The resources will improve safety and enhance the department's ability to respond to criminal activity and emergencies.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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,



Mike Ezell
Member of Congress