

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:

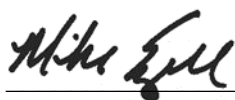
I am requesting funding for the Stone County Public Safety Communications Modernization & MSWIN Expansion project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Stone County Emergency Management Agency located at 533 First St. South, Wiggins, MS, 39577. The funding would be used to equip a new MSWIN tower project in the northern part of the county to address ongoing radio coverage gaps and support growth and rising service demand. This site will enhance countywide communications reliability and reduce radio dead zones affecting law enforcement, fire response, and emergency management.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will modernize public safety communications infrastructure across Stone County by expanding the Mississippi Wireless Information Network (MSWIN), upgrading dispatch and 911 call-taking systems, and replacing aging radios used by first responders. Many current communications systems are more than 15 years old and nearing the end of manufacturer support. The project will also construct a new MSWIN tower in northern Stone County to eliminate radio coverage gaps.

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



Mike Ezell
Member of Congress