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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Western Illinois Office of Public Safety Security Technology and Equipment project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Western Illinois University located at 1 University Circle, Macomb, Illinois 61455. The funding would be used for critical security technology and equipment upgrades that will significantly strengthen the University and by extension, Macomb and McDonough County's capacity to serve the community, prevent and respond to violent crime, and maintain public safety. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it will strengthen public trust, improve emergency response, and enhance safety for the residents of Macomb and the thousands who learn, work, and visit the university and surrounding region every year.

This project has a federal nexus as it will be for activities consistent with, and supportive of, the Office of Justice Programs' mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described 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 the project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Eric Sorensen
Member of Congress