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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Hillsborough Township's Public Safety Interoperable Communications Upgrade Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Township of Hillsborough, located at 379 South Branch Road Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

The funding would be used for the modernization and replacement of outdated portable radio communications equipment used by the Hillsborough Township Police Department. The project will fund the procurement and deployment of seventy-five (75) all-band portable radios equipped with advanced interoperability, Wi-Fi connectivity, and LTE capabilities.

The department's current portable radios are outdated and lack the capability to provide reliable communications in complex environments such as schools, large commercial buildings, and emergency response scenes. In addition, the existing system does not provide sufficient interoperability between police, fire, and other emergency response agencies.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because reliable emergency communications are essential for effective public safety operations.

Federal investment in this project will ensure that first responders have modern communications tools necessary to respond effectively to emergencies, natural disasters, and public safety incidents.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. H. Kean, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Tom Kean, Jr.
Member of Congress