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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 the New Providence Police Radio Replacement and Upgrade Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of New Providence, located at 360 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974.

The funding would be used for the replacement of 47 portable radios used throughout the agency. The New Providence Police are currently utilizing portable radios that have exceeded their useful life and have begun to fail during their usage. The upgrade will fill coverage gaps by utilizing additional technology built into the radio hardware that connects the portable radio to a wireless fidelity (Wi-Fi) network. The new radios will ensure continued connectivity to the Emergency Services Dispatch Center and Fire, EMS and Emergency Management departments.

The purchase of these radios has the ability to impact the lives of any person who may live, work or travel through New Providence due to the portability of this equipment. The purchase will enhance community relations and offer a better experience to all tax payers with our public safety professionals.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the replacement of these radios will assist police officers in maintaining security at fire scenes, directing medical personnel responding to incidents with injured persons, assist in capturing wanted persons and can provide connectivity to mutual aid jurisdictions during large scale events.

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 "Tom H. Kean, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Kean, Jr.
Member of Congress