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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 Town of Phillipsburg Police Technology Equipment Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Phillipsburg, located at 120 Filmore Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.

The funding would be used for modernizing the Phillipsburg Police Department's investigative, surveillance, and information technology capabilities. Through the deployment of Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology, covert surveillance systems, upgraded CCTV infrastructure, enhanced cybersecurity protections, and a mobile drone operations support vehicle, the department will significantly strengthen its ability to prevent crime, conduct investigations, safeguard critical data, and respond to emergencies.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these technology upgrades will serve as force multipliers that increase officer safety, improve investigative efficiency, enhance digital evidence management, and deliver measurable public safety benefits to the residents of Phillipsburg, Warren County, and neighboring jurisdictions.

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