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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Wellston Police Department MARCS Radio Upgrades Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Wellston Police Department, located at 203 East Broadway, Wellston, OH 45692.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will fund the purchase of portable radios for every officer and dispatch center (15), along with mobile radios for each patrol vehicle (10). Purchase of this equipment will enable Wellston Police Department officers to continue communications with the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, EMS, Fire Departments, and other neighboring law enforcement agencies. The Wellston Police Department's current radios, both portable and mobile, will be obsolete and not usable on the statewide network in 2025. The aforementioned departments/agencies all utilize MARCS as a primary source of communication, leaving Wellston Police Department in a vulnerable position if funds are not secured to replace the obsolete radios before 2025.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad R. Wenstrup".

Brad R. Wenstrup, D.P.M.
Member of Congress