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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$85,600 for the Sparta Policing Equipment and Technology Upgrades project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Sparta, located at 114 W. Jackson Street Sparta, Illinois 62286.

The requested amount of \$85,600 would be used by the Sparta Police Department to purchase portable computers, ballistic shields and a police SUV. This equipment will replace current equipment that has reached or is reaching the end of its operational life.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because replacement equipment could be purchased by Sparta to enhance police-community relations and to lower costs for the municipality that could divert previously committed funds to other community-based applications. Presentations will be made at the National Night Out program that is an annual event. The city will utilize these presentations in their DARE classes and with the Health Communities Alliance. These programs assist in the training of young adults about the serious issues related to alcohol and drug abuse.

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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress