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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$453,957 for an emergency services training facility project for the Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program Mobile Team Unit #15 (MTU 15) in Carbondale, Illinois in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program Mobile Team Unit #15, located at 1740 Innovation Drive Carbondale, IL 62903. MTU 15 provides specialized law enforcement and corrections officer training for 136 member agencies across 27 counties in Southern Illinois, 26 of those counties are located in Illinois' 12th district.

The proposed project will allow MTU 15 to purchase a Deployable Mobile SMASH Live Fire Scenario Shoot House Kit. This system will provide MTU 15 with a configurable training site, allowing them greater flexibility in providing a multitude of assorted scenario-based training courses for law enforcement and corrections officers. The property where this unit will be placed has already been acquired by MTU 15 and is located next to the City of Carbondale Police Firing Range.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. This emergency services training facility project will provide a controlled environment where law enforcement can practice and engage with realistic, scenario-based training that will help prepare officers for high-risk situations they may encounter in the field. Additionally, this emergency services training facility will also be the first location of its kind in Southern Illinois. Currently, MTU 15 and law enforcement officers must travel hours to train at similar facilities, often incurring travel, lodging and food expenses. By fulfilling a regional need, this facility will reduce financial constraints for law enforcement units and increase access to high quality training scenarios. This will not only improve the skillset of the law enforcement officers training here but increase public safety.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for purposes authorized in Byrne Justice Assistance Grants program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress