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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 Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Crisis Intervention Response Team Expansion project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Forsyth County, located at 110 E Main St, Cumming, GA, 30040. The funding would be used for the expansion of Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Crisis Intervention Response Team (CIRT), including personnel salaries and benefits for the licensed clinician and a sheriff deputy position, supplies, transportation, technology, and administrative costs, to form a co-response team to answer mental health calls for service. This team works to de-escalate situations and connect individuals suffering from mental health crisis to the services they need.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enable more specialized procedures for law enforcement when encountering individuals with mental illness, positively impacting health and public safety outcomes and reducing the number of arrests by diverting individuals to mental health facilities instead of jail.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,



Rich McCormick, MD, MBA
Member of Congress