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May 2, 2025

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. 2051

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Backup Emergency 911 Communications Center in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Sandy Springs Police Department located at 7840 Roswell Rd Ste 301, Sandy Springs, GA, 30350.

The funding would be used to complete the technology, equipment, and furnishings needed for a Backup Emergency 911 Communications Center in Sandy Springs, GA. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow agencies to continue providing the best public safety services to over 296,000 residents, and enhance police officer safety through relevant, actionable, and accurate information, giving them the best opportunity to approach an in-progress incident in the safest way possible. Not only will this project allow for quicker transition and recovery for maintaining emergency services, but it will also enhance public trust, increasing confidence in the local emergency response infrastructure, leading to a stronger sense of security. In addition, the Metro Atlanta area is expecting large-scale events in the future, including the 2026 FIFA World Cup. With tens of thousands of attendees expected, the risk of accidents and other critical situations regarding public safety rises, putting a strain on the primary 911 system. A more effective backup 911 center will guarantee that if the main center becomes overwhelmed or is disrupted, emergency response can continue seamlessly, allowing first responders to stay safe while focused on their duties, even during the busiest and most challenging times.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described 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,



Rich McCormick, MD, MBA
Member of Congress