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

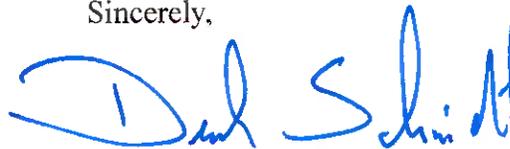
I am requesting funding for Interoperable Communications Upgrades in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for the project is the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office located at 217 E. Myrtle St., Independence, KS 67301.

The project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve public safety throughout southeastern Kansas by strengthening coordination among Montgomery County law enforcement agencies and neighboring jurisdictions. Reliable communications are essential for effective emergency response across rural areas where officers often operate long distances from backup assistance.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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

Sincerely,



Derek Schmidt  
Member of Congress