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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:

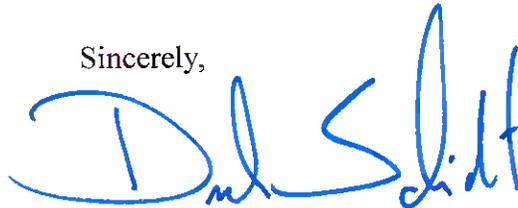
I am requesting funding for Equipment and Technology Enhancements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for the project is the Osage County Sheriff's Office located at 131 W 14<sup>th</sup> St, Lyndon, KS 66451.

The project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would strengthen rural public safety for the citizens of Osage County and the surrounding district. Federal funding for body-worn cameras and conducted energy devices will enhance transparency, officer safety, and accountability while reducing long-term liability and costs to taxpayers.

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