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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Glades County Sheriff's Office Brighton Communications Improvement project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding is the Glades County Sheriff's Office, located in Moore Haven, Florida. Funding will support the modernization of the Brighton communications site, a critical hub serving first responders in Glades County, the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and law enforcement operating on Lake Okeechobee.

The Brighton site provides essential communications for public safety and integrates with the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS). The current system relies on outdated copper infrastructure installed in 2001 that is no longer supported and experiences frequent outages, disrupting coordination between dispatch and first responders and posing risks to officer and public safety. This project will replace the obsolete system with a microwave communications network, including dishes, radios, and associated equipment, to provide reliable, high-capacity connectivity and ensure resilient, interoperable communications across the region.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports core law enforcement functions, improves emergency response coordination, and enhances public safety in a rural area.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for purposes authorized in 34 U.S.C. § 10381, which supports law enforcement technology and equipment to improve public safety and interoperability.

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

Sincerely,



C. Scott Franklin
Member of Congress