

March 30, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for the Polk County Public Safety Radio System in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Polk County, located at 330 West Church Street, PO Box 9005, Drawer CA01, Bartow, FL 33831-9005.

The funding would be used for the Polk County Public Safety Radio System which adds a redundant radio system infrastructure that eliminates a single point of failure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because supports essential radio communications for Sheriff's Offices, Fire Rescue, Municipal Police and Fire Departments, Public Schools, School Guardians, state, and federal agencies in Polk County and supports interoperability with Hardee, Highlands, and DeSoto counties.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized 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,



C. Scott Franklin
Member of Congress