



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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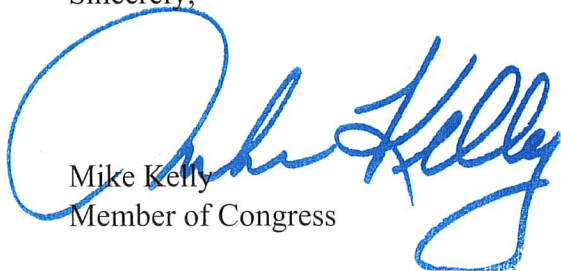
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Erie Regional SWAT Command Vehicle in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Erie, located at 626 State Street, Erie, PA 16501. The funding would be used for a new SWAT vehicle will be equipped with modern features that have become increasingly essential for retrieving, processing, and sharing vital information. This includes integrated electrical, lighting, and power functions for on-site work. The new vehicle also has integrated countertops so team members can use laptops, examine information, and have better platforms for tasks instead of trying to use whatever surface is available. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current Erie SWAT Team equipment transport vehicle is an old ambulance that was renovated and has been used for years based on necessity. The transport vehicle has over 180K miles and is now leaking oil. Most importantly, the vehicle has critical limitations that are not conducive to the work SWAT officers must conduct and their operational needs. The Erie SWAT Team has skilled responders trained for high-risk scenarios, but the existing vehicle substantially limits their operations. The SWAT vehicle not only must be ready-to-go at a moment's notice but must be set up to travel across the region and provide space for officers to prepare on route.

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,



Mike Kelly
Member of Congress