



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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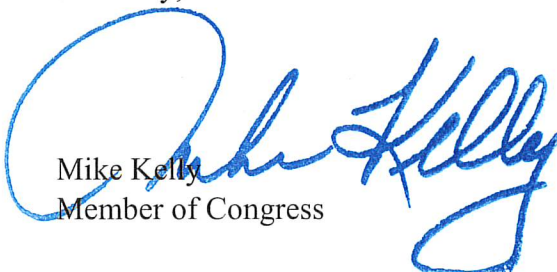
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Erie Police Department Technology Improvements 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 new technological improvements for the Erie Police Department. The improvements include servers which will allow officers to be more efficient in retrieving local data rather than commuting to Elk County. Additionally, it provides new driving simulators for training, resulting in less police vehicle involved accidents, better officer driving skills, and less wear-and-tear on vehicles. Additionally, security cameras and license plate readers to quickly apprehend suspects and prosecute crimes for victims. Lastly, a real-time crime center to reduce costs through maximizing available data coordination for law enforcement for faster, accurate information sharing resulting in less officer, first responders, and justice system time. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these improvements will result in less damage or injury for the public; faster justice for victims; and improved measurable outcomes and results that can be applied to future scenarios for further savings and improved resolution of incidents.

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