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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Wellston Police Department MARCS Radio Upgrades Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wellston, Ohio Police Department, located at 203 E. Broadway, Wellston, Ohio 45692. This project was funded in the fiscal year 2025 appropriations process.

The Wellston Police Department wishes to upgrade its wireless digital communications, and to promote interoperability, in order to save lives and maximize effectiveness in both normal operations and emergency situations. The Wellston Police Department's current modes of communication, both portable and mobile, will be obsolete and not usable on the MARCS network in July of 2025. This project would fund the purchase of mobile radios for each patrol vehicle (10) and portable radios for each officer (13).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will fund the purchase of portable radios for every officer, along with mobile radios for each patrol vehicle. Their current communication system leaves officers vulnerable, as well as blind, to issues which arise for neighboring departments. The Wellston Police Department loses critical response time relaying messages to Dispatch, who then relays information to assisting agencies.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for purposes of 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,



Congressman David Taylor
Ohio's Second Congressional District