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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Memphis Police Department Equipment and Software Upgrades Project** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Memphis Police Department**, located at **170 North Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103**. The funding would be used to **make critical software improvements to keep the Memphis Police Department aligned with best practices in public safety, utilizing predictive policing and data-driven operations.**

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because **these technological improvements will help to promote transparency, reduce liability, and strengthens accountability — all of which are central to maintaining public trust and improving outcomes for both Memphis Police Department officers and the Memphis community.**

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,



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress