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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 community project funding for the Cochise County Sheriff's Department for Interoperable Communications Upgrades in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Cochise County Sheriff's Department located at 205 N Judd Dr., Bisbee AZ 85603.

The funding would be used to purchase four mobile communications trailers for Cochise County Sheriff's Department to provide 5G data and P25-compliant radio coverage to Cochise County Sheriff's radios for drone operation, search and rescue command and control, and high-definition video surveillance. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as Cochise County is in southeast Arizona with a population of almost 126,000 people and covering over 6,200 square miles, making it the approximate size of Connecticut and Rhode Island combined. The Sheriff's Office provides a full suite of law enforcement services including patrol, investigations, detention, as well as SWAT, and search and rescue capabilities for the entire county. Cochise County's terrain is largely mountainous and rugged, elevation varies from 3,600 feet above sea level to more than 9,800 feet in the Chiricahua Wilderness area. This difficulty is further exacerbated because Cochise County is a border community that is a major conduit for both illegal immigrant and narcotics smuggling. Building new cellular and radio repeating towers, however hardware and construction costs in the mountainous terrain are prohibitively expensive. Current technology exists that can provide private 5G data and P25-compliant radio coverage to Cochise County's radios at a fraction of the cost. This technology would allow for full coverage of Cochise County Sheriff Department Radios and provide 5G data with bandwidth for needs such as drone operation, search and rescue command and control, and high-definition video surveillance. This technology would be a one-time purchase and reduce annual communications costs by \$140,000. Additionally, because these units are mobile, they can be moved where most needed and will be operational without cost-prohibitive construction.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan Ciscomani', written in a cursive style.

Juan Ciscomani
Member of Congress