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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Milwaukee Police Department's Public Safety Radio System Upgrade Project in Fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Milwaukee, located at 749 W State St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.

The funding would be used to upgrade the City of Milwaukee's Public Safety Radio System. Funding would be used to purchase new public safety radios to replace the obsolete system currently in place and upgrade the City to P25 Phase II standard. The City of Milwaukee's existing radio system has reached the end of its operational life. Limitations of the current system are compounded by unavailability of spare parts and serviceable infrastructure. That radio system is no longer supported and radio units are no longer manufactured, which makes it difficult to maintain or expand.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve communication between public safety personnel, including first responders. The new radios will double radio channel capacity which will allow more users to communicate simultaneously without overloading the system. The new system will have enhanced security and allow for integrated data transmission to provide access to real-time information and data. This will strengthen the police department's ability to quickly and effectively respond to public safety calls from the public.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding requested aligns with the purposes of 34 USC 10381 (b) (8).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gwen Moore", written over a horizontal line.

Gwen Moore
Member of Congress