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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request community project funding for the Public Safety Portable Radio Replacement Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of West Allis' Police Department located at 11301 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis WI 53227.

The project will replace approximately forty outdated portable radios that are reaching end-of-life. These radios are a minimum of ten years old, are no longer manufactured, and are no longer supported for purposes of repair.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because public safety communications equipment is essential to safeguard members of the community and first responders. This project will improve community and first responder safety. Public safety portable radios allow first responders to immediately respond to emergent life-threatening incidents, which increases the safety of community members. Public safety radios also allow first responders to respond to quality-of-life issues, which are also ranked as a high concern in citizen surveys. Improved quality of life can lead to improved health status as well as economic activity. The purchase of more reliable, modern radios equipped with the required features will enable the West Allis Police Department to effectively execute their duties protecting the public and enhance their ability to communicate effectively and interoperability with neighboring first responders.

This project has a Federal nexus because funding of this type is 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,


Gwen Moore
MEMBER OF CONGRESS