

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman Tom Cole
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Appropriations Committee
2313 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Blair County Adult Probation and Parole Office's radio and vehicle upgrade in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Blair County Court of Common Pleas, located at 423 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. The funding would be used to purchase new portable radios as well as a patrol SUV.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proposed project would allow the Blair County Adult Probation and Parole Office (APO) to acquire updated portable radios that are compatible with other Blair County Security Communication networks, as well as a patrol vehicle allowing them conduct supervision and oversight of parolees as well as transporting those who have violated their probation to jail. Both the radios and the patrol vehicle will enhance officers' ability to execute their mission throughout Blair County and keep the broader community safe.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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 that reads "John Joyce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly legible.

John Joyce, M.D.

Member of Congress