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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ontario County Emergency Communications System Modernization Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Ontario County, located at 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua, NY 14424.

The funding would be used to upgrade and modernize the County's emergency communications infrastructure by acquiring and installing Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) integrated with the County's 911 Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system in all Emergency Medical Services (EMS) vehicles. While law enforcement units operate on a modern digital dispatch platform, EMS agencies continue to rely primarily on voice radio communication. This gap limits real time information sharing, slows coordination during multi agency incidents, and increases congestion on radio channels during high demand emergencies. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the acquisition and installation of MDTs represents a significant improvement of Ontario County's emergency communications infrastructure. This upgrade is needed to improve response times, enhance situational awareness, and strengthen coordination among EMS, law enforcement, and fire services.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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 "Joseph D. Morelle".

Joseph Morelle
Member of Congress