



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
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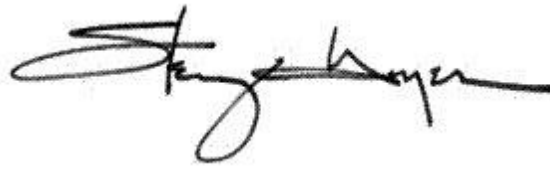
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Digital Forensics Unit Upgrade in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Charles County Sheriff's Office, located at 6915 Crain Highway P.O. Box 189 La Plata MD 20646. The funding would be used for the sheriff's office would purchase new equipment for the Digital Forensics Unit to expedite the processing of digital evidence and address their backlog. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because technology has become a staple in almost everyone's life, particularly when it comes to the use of cell phones and computers. Our lives continue to be enhanced by technology and much of our lives are lived and connected by way of these devices. When a crime occurs, these devices become crucial evidence to the events leading up to, during, and after the event. It is incredibly important to not only recover and extract the digital evidence, but also understand its significance and relationship to the individuals who are involved for the safety of the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 black ink, appearing to read "Steny Hoyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

STENY H. HOYER