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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1026 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for City of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania's Community Policing Technology and Equipment Initiative in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wilkes-Barre, located at 40 East Market St., Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18711. The funding would be used for improving community policing efforts by the City of Wilkes-Barre's Police Department. This includes the purchase of new tasers and dash cameras that are synced with the police officers' body cameras and dash cameras and begin recording automatically when the tasers are drawn from their holsters or the police vehicle sirens are activated will increase transparency, accountability and safety for the police officers and the general public. In addition to the tasers and dash cameras, the ShotSpotter Respond system, the leading gunshot detection, location and forensic system will be purchased. This software system analyzes audio signals throughout the city for potential gunshots, determines the location of the sound source, verifies if the sound is a gunshot and then sends alert notifications to the police department. This tool has been used in other cities which resulted in a drop of gun assault victims, and the reduction of violent crimes along with homicides.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Matt Cartwright
Member of Congress