



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SEAN J. TINDELL, COMMISSIONER

April 8, 2022

Honorable Michael Guest
United States House of Representatives
418 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Guest,

I write today to request your support of Community Project Funding for the MS Capitol Police Technology Improvements project which includes license plate readers and body cameras in the Capitol Complex Improvement District ("CCID") within the City of Jackson. The Capitol Police, under the Mississippi Department of Public Safety ("DPS"), has been granted the authority by the Mississippi State Legislature to provide for security within the CCID.


Since the start of the pandemic, the CCID has experienced a dramatic increase in violent crime. The Mississippi Capitol Police ("MSCPD") is charged with protecting this area, which includes the State Capitol, Governor's Mansion, state agency buildings, Jackson State University, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and residential neighborhoods in close proximity to downtown Jackson.

DPS is in the process of transitioning the Capitol Police from a force primarily responsible for state building security to an affirmative police force that patrols the CCID and provides primary law enforcement for the area. The purpose of this project is to equip the MSCPD with more technology so they can better assist the City of Jackson's Police Department (JPD) within the CCID. By utilizing automated license plate readers, dispatch consoles and body cameras, the MSCPD will be more capable of supplementing JPD within the CCID.

The State Legislature recently appropriated \$3.25 million to increase the personnel of the Capitol Police and their ability to protect and serve the CCID. However, without the requested license plate readers, dispatch consoles and body cameras the Capitol Police will not be able to fully and effectively serve the populations within the CCID.

We request your support of the MS Capitol Police Technology Improvements projects and our efforts to prevent and respond to crime in areas of Jackson within our jurisdiction. Public safety is vital to ensuring the continued viability of Mississippi's Capitol City and we appreciate your assistance in helping us provide that service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean Tindell", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sean Tindell
Commissioner