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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chairwoman Committee of Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee of Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Mississippi Capitol Police Technology Improvements project through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment Account within the Department of Justice in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Office of Capitol Police, which is located at 1900 Woodrow Wilson Drive, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205.

The funding would be used to provide equipment, including automated license plate readers, dispatch consoles, and body cameras, for the Mississippi Capitol Police Department to be able to provide affirmative enforcement of the Capitol Complex Improvement District. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Jackson has one of the highest rates of violent crime in the United States, placing a huge burden on citizens, businesses, educational institutions, and government employees who live, work, and study in the area. The need for improvements in technology and equipment to effectively respond to threats is crucial to driving down the rates of violent crime and protecting lives, homes, and livelihoods.

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

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest Member of Congress

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