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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$4,705,100.00 for the New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority (NRVECRA) Interoperable P25 Public Safety Communications System project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive this funding is New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority, with offices located at 1 E. Main Street, Suite 400, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this regional communications upgrade project supports Virginia Tech, Montgomery County, the Town of Blacksburg, and the Town of Christiansburg, all of whom urgently need to upgrade their existing public safety communications systems to protect public safety users and the students/visitors at Virginia Tech and citizens of Montgomery County, Town of Blacksburg, and Town of Christiansburg.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress