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The Honorable Kay Granger
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H-305, United States Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$4,424,351.00 for the Tazewell County, Virginia: Safety Communications Equipment Upgrade project in fiscal year 2024. The funding would be used for the purchase and deployment of modernized, P25-compliant, interoperable communications equipment for law enforcement officers and public safety personnel throughout all of Tazewell County.

The entity to receive this funding is Tazewell County, Virginia, with county government offices located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because, currently, the various public safety organizations throughout Tazewell County operate on different channels and systems, with communications from the County's 911 Center needing to be manually transmitted to the appropriate communications tower, which not only increases response times, but also adds more margin for error and increases the likelihood of missed and/or delayed communications. This request directly addresses these inefficiencies, and in turn significantly improves the safety of our communities as well as the abilities of our law enforcement agencies to investigate, respond to, and prevent crime.

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 yours,

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress