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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

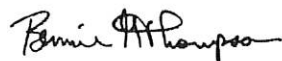
I am requesting funding for the SDPDD Public Safety Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the South Delta Planning and Development District, located at 1427 South Main Street, Greenville, Mississippi 38702.

The funding would be used to provide law enforcement equipment and resources to sheriff's departments serving rural communities to improve response times and strengthen public safety operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly enhances public safety, improves emergency response capabilities, and strengthens protection for residents in underserved rural areas.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson  
Member of Congress

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