

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-2402

May 1, 2025

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  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the SDPDD Rural Public Safety Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the South Delta Planning District, located at 1427 S. Main Street, Greenville, MS 38701. The funding provides equipment for sheriff's departments and volunteer fire departments within the South Delta Region, which serves rural towns. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the initiative aims to enhance law enforcement capabilities, improve emergency response, and ensure first responders are better equipped to protect and serve their communities.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the 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 has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson  
Member of Congress