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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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 Early Board of Commissioners' Regional E911 Equipment Upgrade project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Early County Board of Commissioners at 204 Court Square, Blakely, Georgia 39823. The funding would be used to purchase two new police cruisers, Mobile Data Terminals, and surveillance cameras which are compliant with federal regulations. CSU needs to update these systems to improve safety on campus.

The funding would be used to upgrade obsolete emergency communications equipment at the Emergency Operations Center, which serves Early County, Randolph County, and Stewart County. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because high-functioning emergency communications equipment is vital to protecting public safety during emergencies and disasters, such as hurricanes and tornadoes.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described 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,

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress