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The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce,
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2102 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request for Abington Township Police Department

Dear Chair Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright:

I am requesting \$93,032 in funding for the Abington Township Police Department's Technology Improvement Plan project in fiscal year 2024 through the CJS- COPS Technology and Equipment account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Abington Township Police Department, located at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA, 19001.

The Abington Township Police Department (ATPD) is seeking to fund a technology improvement program that will increase their ability to interface with existing hardware and software, respond to crimes in progress, and investigate and document serious crimes.

The ATPD is seeking \$93,308.00 to fund their program. These funds will be used to purchase 25 laptop style computers and docking stations (\$72,113.00), 60 wireless radio communication ear piece devices (\$19,200.00) and 3 digital cameras with storage discs (\$1995.00).

New laptop computers will give officers the ability to quickly transition from an office setting, conducive to investigation, to responding to calls for service that require immediate attention while maintaining the same work station. Wireless ear pieces for our radio communications devices will free officers from the distractions often encountered when using a traditional shirt affixed microphone. This will enable an expedited response to calls for service. The three digital cameras and memory discs will give each supervisor access to a device capable of documenting serious crimes to better enhance their investigative capabilities.

The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because the Abington Township Police Department has 92 officers and serves the 55,310 residents of Abington Township and the requested amount

of \$93,032 would be used to purchase laptops, cameras, memory cards, and earpieces that would replace outdated equipment. This new equipment would increase their ability to interface with existing hardware and software, respond to crimes in progress, investigate crimes, and to better document serious crimes. This increased outfitting will result in increased protection for taxpayers.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is aligned with the purposes of 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madeleine Dean". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress