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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Special Weapons and Tactical (SWAT) Gear in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Upper Providence Police Department, located at 1268 Black Rock Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460.

The funding would be used to add and train specialized Tactical Paramedics to the Western Montgomery County PA Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team. The purpose of this project is multifaceted and dynamic. They aim to outfit specially trained tactical paramedics with comprehensive and appropriate ballistic personal protective gear. We will afford them the opportunity to attend rigorous tactical training programs that will increase their depth of knowledge in tactical trauma care and SWAT tactics overall. Additionally, this will provide an independent medical support vehicle and critical equipment to supplement the SWAT team response, and accomplish the medical mission of sustaining and protecting life by providing a means to transport critically injured persons away from a hostile scene.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because SWAT teams are specialized police units designed to handle high-risk incidents exceeding the capabilities of regular patrol officers. The addition of these specially trained Tactical Medics will provide critical lifesaving care within seconds of injury, supporting the medical mission to protect and sustain life for all souls involved in SWAT tactical scenarios such as hostage situations, barricaded suspects, active shooters, and search warrants. These Tactical Medics will be trained in advanced medical procedures, specialized tactical trauma care, and general SWAT tactics to provide a comprehensive medical element to a tactical team. The SWAT team and residents of the municipalities served by the Western Montgomery County PA SWAT Team, will benefit from critical, time sensitive care rendered by these Tactical Medics in situations that exceed standard EMS care.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381 (b)(9)).

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 style with a blue dot above the letter 'i' in "Madeleine".

Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress