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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Technology Updates project in fiscal year 2025.


The entity to receive funding for this project is the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (St. Charles County Police Department), located at 101 Sheriff Dierker Court, O'Fallon, MO 63366.

The funding would be used for a one-time purchase by the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force for additional investigative technology and forensic software to identify child victims and perpetrators of online child exploitation. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because unfortunately today, the volume of reports of suspected child exploitation has increased over 400% since 1998. The Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force is responsible for conducting these investigations, but with a lack of resources available are unable to quickly and efficiently identify victims and offenders. Additional investigative technology and forensic software will allow law enforcement officials in Missouri to better serve their communities and protect children from online predators.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized 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,


Blaine Luetkemeyer
Member of Congress