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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Real Time Crime Center project in the Fiscal Year 2025 Commerce, Justice & Science, & Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Montgomery County Government, located at 100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

If awarded, this funding would be used to mitigate staffing shortages by implementing a Real Time Crime Center. Montgomery County implemented its own take on a Real Time Crime Center, called the Violent Crime Information Center (VCIC), through a pilot program seeded with ARPA funding. This pilot program was critical in developing a proof of concept on how a Real Time Crime Center would operate in Montgomery County. Valuable lessons were learned that can serve to guide the future implementation of a permanent Real Time Crime Center. Funding would purchase technology and equipment that would allow Montgomery County to implement the crime center efficiently.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the 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,

David Trone

Member of Congress