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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Eden Prairie Public Safety Mobile Command Center in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Eden Prairie, located at 8080 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN, 55344.

The funding would be used to purchase a replacement Mobile Command Center (MCC), which will be larger than the City's current MCC to provide greater space for work, will include a technology package for wireless sharing and streaming for any MCC user or guest, and will have a 40' extending mast with 4K PTZ (pan tilt zoom) IR (infrared) camera is included, with options for future upgrades. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide the City with a resource to use to respond to critical events, natural disasters, annual community events, regional emergencies or as requested by city and regional partners. The department's current MCC has been in service since 2002. After reviewing available options, the City determined that it would be more cost effective to replace the MCC with a new vehicle. The City will use the same GSA-approved vendor it has used in the past, and the MCC will be available for use by neighboring communities in the southwest metro area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 stylized, handwritten signature of Dean Phillips in black ink.

Dean Phillips
Member of Congress