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April 29, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
2413 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for the Deep East Texas Interoperable Communications Infrastructure in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive this funding is the Deep East Texas Council of Governments, located at 1405 Kurth Drive, Lufkin TX 75904.

The requested amount of \$4,400,000 would be used by the Deep East Texas Council of Governments to purchase interoperable communications equipment for use by law enforcement across Houston, Trinity, and Nacogdoches Counties. This equipment would enable law enforcement and first responders in these counties to connect to the statewide Texas Wide Area Radio Network (TxWARN), allowing for significantly improved communications during emergency situations. This request is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will facilitate interoperable communication with statewide law enforcement entities in this rural three county region. This region is one of very few remaining in the State of Texas that is not interoperable with the TxWARN network, and the only remaining area in the Houston-area hurricane evacuation zone.

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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Pete Sessions  
Member of Congress