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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
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for Regional Interoperable Radio Communications in Fiscal Year 2027. 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 \$1,800,000 would be used by the Deep East Texas Council of Governments to acquire and install P25 compliant radio transmission equipment at a tower site in Angelina County, Texas. This equipment will be connected to the Texas Wide Area Radio Network to provide interoperable radio communications for local, state and federal agencies in a rural area where reliable communications do not currently exist.

This project is a responsible use of taxpayer dollars because it strengthens the regional interoperable radio system and ensures law enforcement and other local, state, and federal agencies can communicate clearly across jurisdictional lines. This investment would directly improve emergency communications for local, state, and federal agencies which is essential for coordinated response and officer safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Pete Sessions
Member of Congress