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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Gaston County Sheriff's Office's Project Life Saver and Search and Rescue. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Gaston County Sheriff's Office, located at 425 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Gastonia, NC 28052.

The funding would be used to strengthen and expand statewide Search & Rescue (SAR) capabilities, including the integration and expansion of Project Lifesaver to improve outcomes for missing persons. This project will (1) enhance statewide Search and rescue capabilities by providing training, advanced search technology (drones, GIS systems), and specialized equipment (swiftwater rescue gear, PPE) to county Search and rescue units and emergency management partners; (2) expand Project Lifesaver enrollment and infrastructure, including the purchase of transmitters and receivers, community outreach, and dedicated search and rescue response support across more counties; (3) strengthen coordination between local, state, and federal Search and rescue assets, ensuring timely deployment during missing persons incidents, disaster events, and multi-jurisdictional emergencies; and (4) implement data systems and training programs to reduce response times and improve outcomes in search missions.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would support search and rescue capabilities, interagency coordination, and improve outcomes in search missions. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Moore".

Tim Moore
Member of Congress