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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 the Tri-City Law Enforcement Task Force project in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Rutherfordton, located at 129 North Main Street, Rutherfordton, North Carolina, 28139.

The funding would be used to strengthen the Tri-City Violent Crimes Task Force and Tri-City SWAT Team for Rutherfordton, Spindale, and Forest City. This funding will enable the purchase of essential technology, specialized vehicles, tactical equipment, and forensic tools to enhance multi-jurisdictional crime prevention and response efforts across Rutherford County.

Rutherford County has seen an alarming 415% increase in violent crime since 2022, and drug-related incidents have risen by 97% from 2023 to 2024. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the requested funding will provide the necessary tools to combat these threats, enhance law enforcement coordination, and improve officer safety.

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 neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely.

Tim Moore Member of Congress