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INTELLIGENCE

Chairman Tom Cole  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington DC 20515

May 1, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Force De-Escalation Initiative project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Kennett Square/Kennett Square Police Department, located at 115 N. Broad Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348. The funding would be used to replace outdated less-than-lethal force equipment currently used by the Kennett Square Police Department. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current equipment is no longer within warranty and has reached the end of its useful life span. Additionally, this equipment has repeatedly lowered the need for lethal force used by law enforcement officers to de-escalate situations, particularly for those experiencing a mental health crisis, while decreasing risks for officers involved.

The project is eligible through the Department of Justice and has a Federal nexus authorized by COPS Technology and Equipment program, 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 handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chrissy Houlahan".

Chrissy Houlahan  
Member of Congress, PA-06

