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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Arkansas ICAC Digital Forensics Enhancement in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Arkansas State Police, located at 1 State Police Plaza Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72209. This funding will modernize Arkansas's ICAC digital forensic infrastructure, expand mobile investigative capability, and increase statewide capacity to process and act on rapidly growing volumes of child-exploitation evidence. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it equips law enforcement with essential forensic tools and mobile capabilities needed to manage surging child-exploitation cases, reduce backlogs, strengthen prosecutions, and protect vulnerable children across Arkansas.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described 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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Bruce Westerman
Member of Congress