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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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May 10, 2024

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  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2025 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request funding for the Police Emergency Response Equipment project in Springfield, OR in the amount of \$1,500,000 within the Committee's Department of Justice – Community Oriented Policing Services Technology and Equipment account as part of the Committee's Community Project Funding effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Springfield Police Department located at 230 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, OR 97477.

The requested amount would be used for essential emergency response equipment, including \$750,000 for TriBand Radios, \$250,000 for general equipment, and \$500,000 for a fully equipped BearCat, so that Springfield Police Department (SPD) staff and facilities can better respond to emergencies and crisis situations.

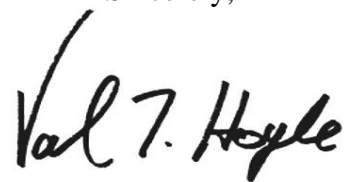
This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investing in essential emergency gear such as upgraded radios will directly enhance public safety for the City of Springfield, which SPD's police force is an essential tool for maintaining. New radios will improve interagency communication between first responders during emergency situations such as ice storms, wildfires, and other accidents, ensuring a coordinated response and faster assistance to those in need. Alongside the upgraded communications devices, taxpayer investments in a specialized rescue vehicle and improvements to SPD's general equipment will allow for more comprehensive emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34. U.S.C. § 10181(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Val T. Hoyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "V".

Val T. Hoyle  
Member of Congress