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

I am requesting funding for the Athens Police Department Public Safety Vehicles and Equipment project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Athens City Council, located at 200 W Hobbs Street Athens, Alabama 35611. The funding would be used to purchase and upgrade vehicles and equipment, including 4 patrol vehicles, 50 ballistic shields, 60 emergency entry kits, and 1 utility trailer. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve public safety throughout the City of Athens.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Dale Strong  
Member of Congress