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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Law Enforcement Officers' Accelerated Associate's Degree Cohort Program project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Rock Valley College, located at 3301 N Mulford Rd Rockford, IL 61114. The funding would be used to pay for the tuition and institutional fees of law enforcement officers desiring to complete the one-year cohort program for completion of an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice at Rock Valley College.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the funds secured will be used to pay for the tuition and institutional fees of law enforcement officers desiring to complete the one-year cohort program for completion of an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice at Rock Valley College. An Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice provides law enforcement officers with a foundational understanding of the legal system and enhances critical thinking, analytical, communication and leadership skills, contributing to the safety and well-being of the Rockford community.

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 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 "Darin LaHood".

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress

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