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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

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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 Elevating Campus Safety project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Eureka College, located at 300 E College Ave, Eureka, IL 61530. The funding would be used to modernize law enforcement infrastructure at Eureka College to address growing campus security needs.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because internal incidents on campus requiring a law enforcement response have nearly quadrupled within the last five years, and the City of Eureka and Woodford County conservatively spend up to \$50,000 annually processing campus crime incidents due to the college's outdated security infrastructure. The requested funds would modernize campus security through AI-enabled surveillance and weapons detection systems, electronic access control enabling campus-wide lockdown capability, emergency responder building mapping, and protective equipment for sworn officers. Enabling Eureka College to be more self-sufficient in emergencies would directly reduce personnel and budgetary pressure on already strained local law enforcement resources.

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,

Darin LaHood  
Member of Congress

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