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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 Jail Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is County of Peoria, located at 324 Main St. Peoria, IL 61602. The funding would be used for improvements to the Peoria County Jail, including the replacement of the jail's kitchen and laundry facilities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current jail facilities having been originally constructed in 1985 have exceeded their operational life and require full life-cycle replacement. These improvements will bring these critical operations into compliance with safety and food codes and support secure jail operations.

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