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

March 27, 2026

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 STARCOM 21 Radio System Upgrade project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Dixon Police Department, located at 220 S. Hennepin Ave, Dixon, IL 61021. The funding would be used for the purchase of new radios and upgrades to its existing communications infrastructure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current Very High Frequency (VHF) radios being used by the Dixon Police Department presents severe office safety concerns and prevents the department from communicating with other local law enforcement agencies and first responders. The proposed new radio system will allow for increased agency interoperability, improved officer safety, and ensure our law enforcement have the necessary tools and resources to effectively keep our local communities safe.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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