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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 Real Time Information and Crime Project project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bloomington, located at 115 E. Washington St., Bloomington, Illinois, 61701. The funding would be used to acquire essential technology and software for the regions only Real Time Information and Crime Center (RTICC) – a state-of-the-art facility designed to enhance public safety, provide real-time intelligence, and support law enforcement across the city, surrounding communities and the State of Illinois.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide our law enforcement the necessary tools and resources they need to stop and prevent crime. Modernizing technology and software will allow for real-time crime trend monitoring, improved emergency response, and enhanced situational awareness, ultimately ensuring greater safety for the city and surrounding region. This project is a vital regional asset, benefiting not only Bloomington but also surrounding municipalities including the Town of Normal, outlying McLean County and the State of Illinois through mutual aid efforts. The RTICC aligns with national priorities for smart policing strategies and will serve as a model for integrating advanced technology into law enforcement operations across the state.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Darin LaHood  
Member of Congress