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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Fairfax County Public Safety Communications Critical Infrastructure Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairfax County Government, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA, 22035.

Project: Fairfax County Public Safety Communications Critical Infrastructure Project

Recipient: Fairfax County Government, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA, 22035

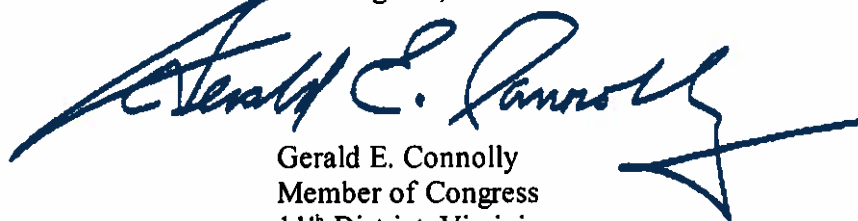
Amount: \$3,000,000

Background: This project would fund an alternate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP/9-1-1 Center) for Fairfax County. The Department of Public Safety Communications' (DPSC) mandate is to conduct continuous essential operations with near zero down time of 9-1-1 services. Real world experience (power outages, emergent maintenance, COVID) and industry best practices require an alternate operating location to support Agency 24/7 Continuity of Operations (COOP). The current alternate facility is beyond its useful life. This project would fund the technology needed to support the alternate center. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars, because it would enhance public safety and continuity of operations for the County

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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.

Best Regards,



Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia