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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for City of River Falls – Enhanced Communication and Public Safety Assurance Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of River Falls, located at 222 Lewis St, River Falls, WI 54022.

The funding would be used to upgrade fixed and portable radio systems used by police officers, firefighters, and other first responders to effectively communicate and respond to emergencies across Pierce and St. Croix Counties.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because as a rural municipality, the City of River Falls faces budgetary constraints that require the City to stretch the utility of available tax dollars across a wide range of essential government functions and limit the availability of funding for comprehensive equipment upgrades. Federal investment is essential to bridging this gap and ensuring the ability of police and first responders to effectively protect this community.

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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Van Orden".

Derrick Van Orden  
Member of Congress