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Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Central and Western Maine Regional Law Enforcement Equipment Modernization project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Maine Department of Public Safety, located at 45 Commerce Drive, Suite 1, Augusta, Maine 04333. Consistent with the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) program and based on the public safety needs of each community the State Police serves, this project request is aimed at preventing and reducing crime, improving the effectiveness of law enforcement, increasing officer safety, curbing the opioid crisis, and other strategic priorities.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will improve public safety officer safety, increase the transparency of law enforcement through technology improvements, and allow our local law enforcement agencies to work together across our vast rural district to reduce crime.

This funding request is consistent with and supportive of the Office of Justice Programs' mission and is aligned with one or more of the purposes described in the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) program, 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,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress