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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
and Science
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
and Science
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright,

I am requesting funding for the Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce Technology project in the fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, located at The Justice Center, 1200 Ontario Street, 9th Floor, Cleveland, OH, 44113. The funding would be used for technology and one-time purchases of hardware such as digital forensic equipment, which will include forensic mobile vans, servers that store digital evidence, and other hardware that will allow the extraction of digital evidence from smartphones. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will assist law enforcement in meeting the rising costs of digital forensic software cloud storage and investigative tools to identify both victims and offenders.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is eligible under the Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) account and is consistent with the DOJ's ongoing mission to advance the practice of community policing by law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress