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March 19, 2025

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Spruce Pine's Law Enforcement Department Equipment, in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Spruce Pine, located at 11050 S. 226 HWY, Spruce Pine, NC 28777.

The funding is a good use of taxpayer funds because it replaces outdated, non-certifiable equipment with modern, reliable tools that directly improve officer safety and public protection. Upgrading tasers, firearms, and vehicles ensure law enforcement can respond effectively to emergencies, reduce liability risks, and meet current policing standards. Investing now prevents higher long-term costs from equipment failure, maintenance, and safety incidents.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chuck Edwards', written over a horizontal line.

Chuck Edwards  
Member of Congress