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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Robotic Technology Upgrades in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Appleton Police Department, located at 222 South Walnut Street, Appleton, Wisconsin 54911.

The funding would be used for procuring one robotic device along with the initial training and maintenance designed to reduce the risks officers face when entering unfamiliar environments where they may encounter various hazards and/or dangerous individuals.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it aims to acquire equipment that will improve the safety of both officers and the community. It will also increase the operational functionality for high-risk situations encountered by officers.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)) because it will be used to acquire technologies and equipment to assist local law enforcement agencies in their mission.

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

Sincerely,

Tony Wied
Member of Congress