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March 12, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Critical Technology Infrastructure Replacement in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Merrillville, located at 7820 Broadway, Merrillville, Indiana 46410. The funding would be used for the replacement of outdated, underperforming computers and the acquisition of other equipment to enhance officer efficiencies at the Merrillville Police Department. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the equipment and technology upgrades will improve efficiencies within the Merrillville Police Department and will allow for continued effective operations while serving the community and maintaining public safety.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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 black ink that reads "Frank J. Mrvan".

Frank J. Mrvan  
Member of Congress

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