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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Western Connecticut Training Facility - Equipment and Technology in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG), located at 1 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT 06482. The funding would be used for the purchase, delivery, and installation of firearm training facility equipment and technology. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would outfit a regional 10-lane, 50-yard, rifle ready Regional Firearm Training Facility situated at the Newtown Police Department. The equipment and technology for the regional training facility would provide adaptive, sustainable, quality training for up to 36 departments and 2,400 officers to respond rapidly and effectively to emergency response situations such as active shooter incidents.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,

Jahana Hayes
Member of Congress