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The Honorable Kay Granger 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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Brookfield Emergency Radio System Upgrade in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Brookfield, located at 100 Pocono Road, Brookfield, CT 06804. The funding would be used for the purchase of emergency radio equipment. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the funding would allow Brookfield to upgrade its radio system to a modern, reliable twenty-first century efficient communications system. The grant will help cover the costs of system procurement, site prep and installation. The town seeks funding for a system that best serves its constituents and the public safety user community. Brookfield Police Department and all emergency responders are operating on an outdated and archaic analogue communications system from 1986. The lack of interoperability with surrounding towns and inconsistent coverage puts police and first responders at risk of isolation and other severe consequences.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding aligned with the purposes of 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