

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the King County Sheriff's Office Air Support Unit Upgrade Program – Seattle, WA project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the King County Sheriff's Office.

The King County Sheriff's Office operates the only full-time patrol and rescue helicopter air unit in Washington State. Funding this project will allow the King County Sheriff's Office to complete upgrades on one of its two rescue helicopters. Funding would be used for upgraded transmission, upgraded main rotor blades for use with the new transmission, and upgraded electronics and avionics. Currently, the helicopter in question is facing diminished lift capacity on hot days, impacted stability and lift capacity, and impacted hoist operations of multiple subjects. The rescue aircraft is used for rescue missions throughout the state, quick strike fire fighting operations, responding to major disasters in the state, and transporting SWAT and specialty units to high-risk situations.

The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure the King County Sheriff's Office's ability to conduct rescue operations throughout the state, respond to major disasters, and transport SWAT and specialty police units to high-risk situations. The King County Sheriff's Office's helicopter air unit is the only full-time patrol and rescue unit in the state.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Kim Schrier, M.D.
Member of Congress