

## Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for King County Sheriff's Office Body Worn Cameras in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), located at King County, WA at 516 3rd Ave, Seattle, WA 98104

Over the last 10 to 15 years, Body Worn Cameras (BWC) have become standard practice for many police agencies and King County Sheriff's Office is the largest law enforcement agency in Washington State not using BWC technology. Project implementation includes deployment of approximately 550 BWCs and 200 in-vehicle cameras. It also includes the software necessary to analyze, save, search, and release videos of critical events or at the request of members of the public. This funding would allow earlier deployment to a wider geography, making it possible for BWCs to be deployed in areas of south and east King County sooner than anticipated.

Body worn cameras bring transparency and accountability to law enforcement and assist with documentation for deputies. The program will create 7-9 new full-time positions.

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

Sincerely,

Kim Schrier, M.D. Member of Congress

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