

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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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 the Pierce County Sheriff's Office Safety Equipment – Pierce County, WA project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pierce County Sheriff's Office, located at 930 Tacoma Ave South, Tacoma, WA 98402.

The funding would be used for the purchase of critical first aid and traffic equipment, including 65 portable Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), Naloxone kits, individual first aid kits, and traffic lidar and radar tracking equipment. This equipment would be placed in patrol cars to ensure that officers are able to administer life-saving measures immediately. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Pierce County Sheriff's Office serves the over 960,000 residents of Pierce County and faces a variety of rural and urban demands. Deputies are often the first to arrive in response to emergency calls from residents and frequently need tools to respond to life-threatening situations.

Additionally, the Pierce County Council and Pierce County Executive Mello have worked to create a Vision Zero Action Plan to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on County-owned roadways by 2035. A major part of the implementation includes the Pierce County Sheriff's Office and their ability to deter speeding using current technologies, like radar and lidar. Improving and increasing the Sheriff's Office radar and lidar equipment would assist in both the implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan and responding to specific traffic complaints called in by constituents living in areas located in the Eighth Congressional District.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kim Schrier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kim" and last name "Schrier" clearly legible.

Kim Schrier, M.D.
Member of Congress