



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mercer County Public Safety Robotic Response Initiative Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, located at 175 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08650.

The funding would be used to purchase three tracked quadruped robotic systems for its Tactical Response Team to safely assess and respond to high-risk incidents such as barricaded suspects, violent crime scenes, and dangerous search operations. These systems will enhance officer safety and strengthen the county's ability to support municipal police departments during critical public safety situations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it enhances public safety while reducing risk to law enforcement, civilians, and suspects by allowing officers to assess dangerous situations remotely and make informed decisions. It supports multiple agencies across Mercer County, improving coordinated responses and crisis de-escalation.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Herb Conaway, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Herb Conaway, Jr., MD (NJ-03)
Congressman