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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation's Taskforce on Internet Crimes Against Children Child Exploitation Investigation Technology project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, located at 6600 North Harvey Place Oklahoma City, OK 73116. The funding would be used to strengthen the ability of law enforcement agencies across the state to investigate online child sexual exploitation by addressing the rapidly escalating costs of digital forensic software, secure cloud storage, and advanced investigative tools needed to identify both victims and offenders.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because although the ICAC Task Force is led by a single commanding agency, it operates as a statewide force multiplier supporting all local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement partners in your state. Technology acquired through this request will be deployed in investigations that directly assist local agencies throughout the state, many of which lack the resources to independently purchase or maintain these critical tools. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381 (b)(9)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Bice
Member of Congress