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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 \$444,000 of funding for Design Development of Cocke County Detention Center and On-Site Rehabilitation Facility in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Cocke County Opioid Taskforce, located at 360 East Main Street, Newport, TN 37821. The funding would be used for researching and designing a possible new detention center and on-site rehabilitation/recovery center in Cocke County. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will contribute to strengthening public safety in Cocke County and reducing negative, criminal outcomes perpetuated by the opioid epidemic for residents in Cocke County.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

Diana Harshbarger Member of Congress

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