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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-307 – The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-307 – The Capitol  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Jonesboro Fire Station and Public Safety Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity and person(s) to receive funding for this project is a Public, Governmental Entity – the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas – and Mayor Harold Copenhaver, Mayor of Jonesboro or Regina Burkett, Director of Community Development/Grants, located at 300 S. Church Street, Jonesboro, AR 72403. The funding would be used for the infrastructure costs of a new Fire Station and Public Safety Center for the City of Jonesboro to expand the Jonesboro Police Department Real Time Crime, Fire, and Emergency response capabilities into a central, modernized hub. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the center will provide more staff and personnel space to provide relevant information to field officers and first responders to answer calls for service, and to provide relevant interoperable information to all public safety departments and entities in the City of Jonesboro and the surrounding Northeast Arkansas region. The convergence of these public entities would ensure interoperable communication, collaboration, and growth of all parties – ultimately increasing safety for first responders and all the citizens of Jonesboro.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the HUD Community Development program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric A. Crawford". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "C".

Eric A. "Rick" Crawford  
Member of Congress