Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-4403

Project Name: Utah Department of Public Safety Narcotics Field Testing Equipment

Recipient: Utah Department of Public Safety

Address: 4501 S 2700 W, Taylorsville, UT 84129

Amount Requested: \$1,600,000

Project Explanation: The funding would be used for updated drone systems and life-saving Fentanyl detection machines to increase the safety of Utah's officers, residents, and visitors. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports the overall public safety mission in Utah and the Utah Department of Public Safety. The project seeks to update an outdated drone fleet, increase investigation capabilities, and enhance patrol officer field capabilities. Notably, this project will keep interdiction officers safer as they interdict large quantities of drugs off Utah's roadways.

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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole Chair 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 Utah Department of Public Safety Narcotics Field Testing Equipment in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Utah Department of Public Safety, located at 4501 S 2700 W, Taylorsville, Utah 84129. The funding would be used for updated drone systems and life-saving Fentanyl detection machines to increase the safety of Utah's officers, residents, and visitors. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports the overall public safety mission in Utah and the Utah Department of Public Safety. The project seeks to update an outdated drone fleet, increase investigation capabilities, and enhance patrol officer field capabilities. Notably, this project will keep interdiction officers safer as they interdict large quantities of drugs off Utah's roadways.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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

Sincerely,

Mike Kennedy, M.D. (UT-03)

Member of Congress