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April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$325,000 in funding for the Dakota County Sheriff's Department project to utilize technology to improve public safety in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Dakota County Sheriff's Department, 1580 Hwy 55 Hastings, MN 55033.

The project funding would be used for a county-wide outreach campaign to prevent and prosecute electronic crimes and institute a county-wide outreach campaign. It would also assist in determining the volume of victimization. Funding would also be utilized to hire a 1.0 FTE forensic technician responsible for the project, and leverage personnel in the Electronic Crimes Unit of the Dakota County Sheriff's Office. The forensic technician would investigate crimes such as cyberstalking, elder scams, cyberbullying, and more.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer money because it would allow for the leverage community relationships with school districts, the elder community, domestic and sexual violence advocacy groups, and other law enforcement agencies across Minnesota's Second Congressional District. This project would also increase the discovery and prosecution of these underreported crimes and provide necessary community education and law enforcement training to prevent crime and improve case outcomes.

In accordance with House Rules, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Angie Craig Member of Congress