

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3313**

May 02, 2025

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 funding for the Smithfield License Plate Camera Initiative in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Smithfield, located at 350 East Market Street P.O. Box 761, Smithfield, NC, 27577. The funding would be used for strategically placing 20 license plate reading cameras in high traffic areas, local park access points and high crime locations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the license plate cameras would help deter criminal activity, improve officer safety, and improve effectiveness of law enforcement actions. The Town of Smithfield is an expanding community with over 2000 homes approved for construction and has a need for improved technologies for crime prevention strategies.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152), for the purposes of aiding law enforcement efforts and public safety.

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

Sincerely,



Brad Knott  
Member of Congress