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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:


I am requesting funding from the Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the East Carolina University Police Department located at 1000 E Fifth Street, Greenville N.C. The funding would be used to upgrade the department's current safety technology infrastructure—including dispatch essentials, the records management system, and mobile data system—is outdated and in critical need of modernization. This request seeks funding to upgrade dispatch software (including mapping, analytics, and GIS integration), incident and arrest reporting tools, barcoding equipment, a cloud-based data sharing network, and to provide essential training for system use. These updates are particularly important for working with City of Greenville PD when an incident crosses jurisdictional boundaries.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because COPS Technology and Equipment projects support state, local, and Tribal law enforcement efforts to develop and procure the technology and equipment needed to respond more quickly and effectively, improve officer safety, increase transparency and enhance community relations. .

The project has a federal nexus because the funds proposed for the ECU Police Department is aligned with (b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)) "to develop new technologies, including interoperable communications technologies, modernized criminal record technology, and forensic technology, to assist State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime and to train law enforcement officers to use such technologies."

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory F. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gregory F. Murphy, M.D.  
Member of Congress  
North Carolina's 3<sup>rd</sup> District