

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Harris-Stowe State University's Urban Policing IT in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Harris-Stowe State University located at 3026 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63103. The funding would be used to modernize critical IT infrastructure that will directly address public safety challenges while expanding educational access.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this strategic investment will strengthen cybersecurity to protect sensitive data, integrate AI-driven training technologies, and upgrade essential hardware systems to prepare Americans for careers in high-demand fields which will create lasting educational and public safety benefits for communities across Missouri.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

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

Sincerely,



Wesley Bell
MEMBER OF CONGRESS