

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 Capitol Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mobile Command Center and Crime Scene and Evidence Recovery Vehicle Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Mobile, located at 205 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36602. The funding would be used for the procurement of a new mobile command center and Crime Scene and Evidence Recovery Vehicle. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because over the past two decades, the Mobile Police Department has relied solely on portable small trailers to be used as a command center, which have proven to be inadequate and impractical to be used on an emergency basis. With the increase in technology that has become vital to mission accomplishment, the trailer that was once used is incapable of supporting such technology thus hindering our mission accomplishment. The requested funding for a mobile command center would present a solution that will adequately support the technology and be able to be deployed efficiently and effectively. The Mobile Police Department's current Crime Scene Vehicle is over 18 years old and has more than 220,000 miles on it. On numerous occasions over the past few years, responding Crime Scene Investigators responded to a scene and did not have adequate lighting, power, or equipment to fully and, most importantly, thoroughly process the crime Scenes.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,



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Shomari C. Figures  
Member of Congress