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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Nebraska Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Digital Forensic Capacity and Technology Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Nebraska State Patrol, located at 4600 Innovation Drive, Lincoln, NE 58521. The funding would be used to enhance the digital forensic capacity of the Nebraska ICAC Task Force through the acquisition of advanced forensic software, hardware, and related investigative technology. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses the exponential growth in digital evidence associated with child exploitation. Modernizing and expanding this system will ultimately protect vulnerable children across Nebraska.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Flood
Member of Congress