



## FISCAL YEAR 2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE

### International Trade Administration Request

**Recipient:** Philadelphia University

**Location:** Schoolhouse Land and Henry Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144

**Amount Requested:** \$1 million

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Philadelphia University for fiscal year 2010 to conduct research at its Biomedical Textile Structures Laboratory (BTSL) that will combine nanofiber technology with advanced textile manufacturing technologies, for the purpose of creating new regenerated organ structures for cardiac repair. In doing so, Philadelphia University will work to provide technologies that can ultimately enhance the competitiveness of the United States advanced textile materials industry. In previous years, Philadelphia University, which has one of the oldest textile science programs in the nation, has received funding through the National Textile Center (NTC), a consortium of eight universities.

### NASA Requests

**Recipient:** Lehigh University

**Location:** 27 Memorial Drive West, Bethlehem, PA 18015

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Lehigh University/Mid-Atlantic Partnership for Nanomaterials. This partnership consists of Lehigh University, the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and industry partners in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Funding will support the continued development of innovative nanomaterials and devices for NASA space flight applications. Additionally, federal support will advance the research to enhance safety, reliability, efficiency, miniaturization and automation of nanomaterials and devices, which I am advised are critical needs for NASA's next generation of ultra-small probes, micro rovers and autonomous and manned spacecraft.

**Recipient:** East Stroudsburg University

**Location:** 200 Prospect Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the East Stroudsburg University – Marine Science Consortium Student-Faculty Research Collaborative with NASA Goddard Wallops Flight Facility. East Stroudsburg University is a member of the Marine Science Consortium, an educational corporation comprised of regional universities that focuses on the sciences and promotes student development and faculty research in areas of interest to NASA. Through this initiative, East Stroudsburg University, the Marine Science Consortium and the NASA Goddard Wallops Flight Facility will engage in a research collaborative to study cosmic rays, materials and computer science.

### Edward Byrne Discretionary Grants

**Recipient:** Armstrong County

**Location:** 402 Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Armstrong County for emergency communication center infrastructure upgrades. This project will enhance the crisis communications and emergency response system in Armstrong County increasing public safety and response to critical incidences. Greater communications and coordination of emergency services is critical to ensuring seamless communication among the county's first responders and law enforcement.

**Recipient:** Bucks County

**Location:** 55 East Court Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Doylestown, PA 18901

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Bucks County to support interoperability and interdisciplinary information sharing across the county's public safety system. This project will involve the development of infrastructure to allow for a common platform throughout county public service agencies which will be capable of accessing a common records management system. As no common data sharing infrastructure currently exists in the county, this initiative will result in a reduction of the duplication of county and local efforts, faster response times and enhanced interoperability.

**Recipient:** City of Allentown

**Location:** 425 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the City of Allentown to develop interoperability and information sharing for the Lehigh and Northampton Counties Chiefs of Police Association and the City of Bethlehem. This initiative will eliminate technology barriers that currently prohibit voice and data sharing between the surrounding communities. Additionally, the project will offer a regional approach to performing day-to-day public safety operations, operating task forces or addressing large scale disaster situations through a seamless exchange of voice and data communication in real time circumstances. The ability to communicate and share information is critical to a reduction in crime and creating a safer environment for citizens in the region.

**Recipient:** City of Philadelphia

**Location:** 8<sup>th</sup> and Race Streets, #205, Philadelphia, PA 19106

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding to the City of Philadelphia for its police department for equipment, software and technology to support a Real-Time Crime Center, which will serve as a focal point for serious crime investigations and major emergency events. The center will provide a new method and set of systems to help fight crime where the existing systems and methods may often hinder police officers and commanders' ability to access information. It is estimated that without such a center, the City of Philadelphia is unlikely to sustain the recent gains in crime fighting. The project will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the City of Philadelphia's police department and increase the safety of the city.

**Recipient:** Computer Forensics Analysis and Training Center

**Location:** 1600 Calcon Hook Road, Building #14, Sharon Hill, PA 19079

**Amount Requested:** \$866,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Computer Forensics Analysis and Training Center for the research, development and delivery of a digital forensics program. This training facility on the grounds of the Delaware County Emergency Services Training Center will provide for research, assessment, training, and job placement to meet the high demand for computer forensics investigators in today's digital workforce. This project helps address a critical shortage of experts in digital forensics, which in turn helps combat cybercrime, such as unethical and unlawful civil acts and violations of computer use in the workplace.

**Recipient:** Dauphin County

**Location:** 2 South Second Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101

**Amount Requested:** \$450,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Dauphin County to provide family group and at-risk youth counseling to families in the Harrisburg area. Through family group counseling, family, friends and neighbors are brought together to plan and care for the needs of an at-risk youth who is demonstrating the early signs of delinquent behavior such as, truancy and poor academic performance. Dauphin County has already demonstrated significant positive outcomes including, increased family involvement and a reduction in recidivism for juvenile offenders who participate in the program. Federal funding will allow Dauphin County to expand its current family group counseling program to empower and equip youth facing the challenges of delinquency, dysfunction, and detachment with the skills to become successful, socially competent citizens who contribute to their families and communities.

**Recipient:** Delaware County Community College

**Location:** 901 South Media Line, Media, PA 19063

**Amount Requested:** \$300,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Delaware County Community College for the college's Institute for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. The Institute provides educational programs reflecting current and emerging best practices for police officers, firefighters, medical and emergency management service personnel and other professionals in the public safety field. There is a need for these first responders to work in a coordinated manner to enhance public safety in emergency situations.

**Recipient:** East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

**Location:** 200 Prospect Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania for the university's Cyber Crime and Forensics Institute. The Institute delivers training in cyber crime, fraud and forensics to law enforcement officials. This project will help eliminate obstacles that typically impede response to the constantly adapting and highly resourceful perpetrators of computer crimes. The institute's programs ensure that law enforcement personnel have the skills necessary to monitor and prosecute crimes involving computers.

**Recipient:** Lackawanna County

**Location:** 130 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503

**Amount Requested:** \$180,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding to Lackawanna County for the Lackawanna County Treatment Court to support an initiative to enhance treatment and rehabilitation services for targeted prisoners, including those individuals whose offenses are related to alcohol and substance abuse. The project is intended to develop a comprehensive, rehabilitation plan to include assessment of the factors that influence addictive behavior with the goal of reducing recidivism. Additionally, a professional planning group would be established to review, develop, and propose a plan of action for modifying prison structure and how prisoners are rehabilitated. This project aligns with the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance: Solutions for Safer Communities mission, which emphasizes local control and training in support of efforts to prevent crime, drug abuse, and violence at the national, state, and local levels.

**Recipient:** Northampton Community College

**Location:** 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020

**Amount Requested:** \$299,500

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Northampton Community College to upgrade the college's security system. This project will involve the upgrading of equipment to allow the college's campuses to interconnect through direct radio communication. Additionally, the college will have

increased capability to send emergency announcements wirelessly throughout the campus and initiate a large scale alert in seconds. It is becoming increasingly necessary for a college to be able to quickly and effectively communicate with its students and faculty and this project will greatly increase the security of members of the college community, as well as the region at large.

**Recipient:** Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**Location:** 6400 Flank Drive, Suite 1300, Harrisburg, PA 17112

**Amount Requested:** \$377,081

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence to assist over 60 community-based domestic violence programs in utilizing the multi-approach resources and training that will be offered by Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Training Institute. The training and education program offered by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence provide life-saving services to victims of domestic violence in Pennsylvania serving approximately 100,000 victims and their children this past year. Individuals who are trained by the institute enhance their public safety and counseling skills improving the outcomes of victims of domestic violence.

**Recipient:** PROGRAM for Offenders

**Location:** 100 North Braddock Avenue, Suite 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15208

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the PROGRAM for Offenders to expand and enhance supportive services provided to male and female offenders, as well as their children and families, in order to increase self-sufficiency, reduce involvement in the criminal justice system and deter intergenerational crime. Prison and/or jail should be a last resort as it is costly, stigmatizing and can actually increase risk for future criminal behavior. The program provides residential alternatives to incarceration and drug and alcohol treatment.

**Recipient:** Saint Joseph's University

**Location:** 5600 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

**Amount Requested:** \$750,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Joseph's University for the university's Institute for Violence Research and Prevention (IVRP) to support and develop an interdisciplinary approach to dealing with the crisis of violence in society. Funds will be used to identify, create and advance state-of-the-art strategies for violence prevention in Pennsylvania. This program can help stem violence and provide healthy alternatives for Philadelphia's youth.

**Recipient:** Thiel College

**Location:** 75 College Avenue, Greenville, PA 16125

**Amount Requested:** \$650,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Thiel College to establish a Crisis Command Center for emergency services in the event of emergency incidences on the campus or in the surrounding communities. The center also has the potential to serve as a regional training facility for public safety personnel from the surrounding counties. The center will provide tailored crisis management education and training critical to the initial and ongoing preparation of public safety personnel from local, regional state and national agencies. The programs offered through the center will provide Pennsylvania with a pool of qualified professionals capable of responding appropriately to a crisis situation.

**Recipient:** Widener University

**Location:** One University Place, Chester, PA 19013

**Amount Requested:** \$681,815

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Widener University to further expand the Delaware County Violence Prevention Collaborative, which is comprised of approximately 30 community

agencies, to address the increasing levels of violence in the county. The funding will allow the collaborative to expand its initiatives in the community, including a county-wide youth summit on reducing violence, an online database addressing violence and various seminars on best practices and programs to reduce violence. Funds will also establish a Center on Reducing Adolescent and Family Violence.

**Recipient:** Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh

**Location:** P.O. Box 9024, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

**Amount Requested:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh for domestic violence support programs. This center offers a comprehensive range of services for victims of domestic violence and their children, including legal and medical advocacy, individual counseling, housing advocacy and assistance in goal planning and safety planning. The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh allows victims to have access to the support and care that they need in order to live self sufficient lives after violence.

**Recipient:** Young Women's Christian Association of Northcentral Pennsylvania

**Location:** 815 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Amount Requested:** \$150,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Young Women's Christian Association of Northcentral Pennsylvania to partner with the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Lycoming County program. This program will specially train citizens from the community to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children that find themselves in the court system. Research shows that children who have been assigned CASA volunteers spend less time in court and less time within the foster care system than those who do not have CASA representation. Judges have observed that CASA children also have a better chance of finding permanent homes than non-CASA children. Children who grow up in the environment advocated by the CASA program are more likely to thrive and reach their full potential, and are less likely to become a burden to society.

### **Juvenile Justice Discretionary Grants**

**Recipient:** Alternative Rehabilitation Communities, Inc.

**Location:** 2743 N. Front Street, PO Box 2131, Harrisburg, PA 17105

**Amount Requested:** \$50,042

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Alternative Rehabilitation Communities, Inc. for equipment to improve communication between rehabilitation providers, juvenile probation officers, juvenile court judges, public defenders and families of juvenile offenders regarding the progress and needs of juveniles in residential treatment programs. The improved quality and effectiveness of juvenile justice services resulting from this project will offer a greater number of juvenile offenders in the region the opportunity to achieve lasting rehabilitation. The project will also improve community safety through the provision of more effective rehabilitative juvenile justice services/processes, as well as protecting the safety of residentially placed juvenile offenders.

**Recipient:** Boys and Girls Club of Central PA

**Location:** 185-251 Newberry Commons, Etters, PA 17319

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Boys and Girls Club of Central PA for a mentor-based, gang prevention program. Through a referral network with courts, police, schools and direct outreach, the Boys and Girls Club recruits at-risk youth who based on their interests and needs will be assigned an individual mentor. This mentor, under the guidance of Club professionals, will establish a positive relationship with targeted youth as a means to combat gang involvement, participation in violence and drug use and trafficking. Federal funding will allow the Boys and Girls Club to develop and implement an effective

mentor-based, gang prevention program with a goal of preventing at-risk youth between the ages of six through eighteen from becoming involved in gangs.

**Recipient:** City of Philadelphia

**Location:** 1401 JFK Boulevard, Room 10-003, Philadelphia, PA 19102

**Amount Requested:** \$2,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the City of Philadelphia to support its Youth Violence Reduction Partnership (YVRP) initiative to address high risk areas where adolescents and young adults are most likely to kill or be killed. The City's YVRP is a multi-agency anti-violence initiative that has succeeded in reducing murders among youth ages 10-24 in targeted high crime areas of Philadelphia. YVRP comprises more than a dozen public and private partners, including the District Attorney's Office, Police Department, Juvenile and Adult Probation Offices, and Common Pleas Court. Probation officers work side-by-side with streetworkers (street-savvy employees of the nonprofit Philadelphia Anti-Drug/Anti-Violence Network) and police officers to provide intensive supervision and support for YVRP participants.

**Recipient:** KidsVoice

**Location:** 437 Grant Street, Suite 700, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for KidsVoice to support a child advocacy program to assist abused, neglected, and at-risk children in Allegheny County. Funds would assist children participating in the program with juvenile court proceedings, as well as enhance overall advocacy efforts improving the well-being of at-risk youth. By combining both an attorney and social service professional to each child, KidsVoice draws upon the combined expertise and training of professional staff from different disciplines to develop uniquely tailored recommendations regarding which placement and services might create better possibilities of success for each child and family.

**Recipient:** Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County

**Location:** PO Box 706, Norristown, PA 19404

**Amount Requested:** \$62,330

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County to support the center's child advocacy programs, which assist abused, neglected and at-risk children. Funding for this project will ensure that child abuse victims are interviewed by a trained forensic interviewer as part of an initiative committed to investigating and prosecuting child abuse in a manner designed to reduce the trauma to child victims and their families caused by the investigative process. The coordination of prosecutors, law enforcement officials and social service professionals will support and protect children throughout the legal process and beyond.

**Recipient:** Valley Youth House Committee, Inc.

**Location:** 829 Linden Street, Allentown, PA 18101

**Amount Requested:** \$264,479

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Valley Youth House Committee, Inc. to support an intensive intervention program for youth. This program will benefit young people who are at high risk for gang involvement due to family members' or neighbors' connection with gang activity or the youth's own delinquent behavior. As a result of their involvement in the proposed program, youth will develop positive decision making, problem solving and leadership skills, enhancing their ability to become responsible and productive members of the local community.

### **COPS Interoperable Law Enforcement Technology Grants**

**Recipient:** Adams County

**Location:** 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg, PA 17325

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding to Adams County for the Adams County Department of Emergency Services to develop and implement a new interoperable communications network. Law enforcement and emergency responders across Adams County rely on a county-based radio system that was built in the 1950's and upgraded over the years to keep up with the increasing demands and county growth. However, much of the equipment that the current system utilizes is outdated. This system will be capable of supporting all public safety operations in the county, which will allow for increased interoperability and public safety.

**Recipient:** Allegheny County

**Location:** Room 101 Courthouse, 436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Allegheny County for its Department of Emergency Services for security enhancements and cameras. Federal funding will assist Allegheny County in establishing the ThreatViewer Emergency Management Visualization System by deploying additional wireless cameras into high-crime areas along with location-specific viewer station software for local law enforcement agencies. The ThreatViewer system is a centralized network that unites video surveillance, environmental threat-detection and communications systems into a singular county emergency management visualization system. This system will increase emergency response times and allow for correlations to be made between events in different locations.

**Recipient:** Borough of Carlisle

**Location:** 53 W. South Street, Carlisle, PA 17013

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Borough of Carlisle to purchase and install video surveillance cameras in downtown Carlisle. This project will allow for the effective and efficient use of existing law enforcement personnel and will enhance the ability of the municipality to maintain public safety without having to increase staffing and thereby costs to the local community. This network of video surveillance cameras will increase the effectiveness of the police force in reducing crime and providing public safety.

**Recipient:** Cambria County

**Location:** 401 Candelight Drive, Suite 100, Ebensburg, PA 15931

**Amount Requested:** \$235,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding to Cambria County for acquisition of equipment and technology aimed at increasing law enforcement access to real-time information and public safety networks. The equipment to be purchased includes: laptops, mobile data radios, consoles, and antennas for police vehicles and mobile command vehicles. This equipment will allow public safety officials to have access to local, state and federal networks while in the field, and will allow data and video to be transmitted back to the headquarters to provide off site support when needed by an officer. The ability of law enforcement to remain in the field is critical as visual presence of police has been proven to deter criminal activity.

**Recipient:** Centre County

**Location:** 420 Homes Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Centre County to replace the existing 800 MHz analog radio communications system and the related subsystems currently used by Centre County. The county must replace its current 911 communications technology because the current provider plans to phase out support and enhancements for the county's current model. The upgraded emergency communications system will improve safety for citizens of the county and allow for interoperability among multiple agencies.

**Recipient:** City of Harrisburg

**Location:** 123 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

**Amount Requested:** \$172,635

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the City of Harrisburg for the purchase and installation of in-car digital video surveillance camera systems. Digital video surveillance installed in the Harrisburg Bureau of Police's law enforcement vehicle fleet will provide critical records of the activities occurring when police officers are required to leave their vehicles for traffic stops, investigation of crime scenes and DUI arrests. These cameras would improve enforcement, monitoring, and oversight, as well as enhance officer safety. Additionally, vehicle surveillance records could be used in court proceedings potentially increasing the number of convictions in the Harrisburg region.

**Recipient:** City of Pittsburgh

**Location:** 414 Grant Street, Room 516, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the City of Pittsburgh to purchase and install a city-wide camera surveillance system, as part of a neighborhood crime watch initiative. Specifically, this project would support the deployment of cameras in business districts and neighborhoods across the City of Pittsburgh. The installation of these cameras would establish safe business districts and encourage city neighborhood business development, as well as assist in the investigation of incidents. The network will increase the effectiveness of the police force in reducing crime and providing public safety.

**Recipient:** Clarion County

**Location:** 421 Main Street, Courthouse, Suite 18, Clarion, PA 16214

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding to Clarion County to create, implement and sustain an interoperable communications system which will serve a six county region. Clarion County will work in partnership with the Northwest Central Emergency Response Group, which consists of Clarion, Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson and McKean counties, for the purpose of promoting seamless interoperability capabilities among counties, hospitals, regional, state and federal agencies. This investment will help mitigate risk by providing radio communications to meet the demands of first responder agencies in natural, man-made or terrorism-related incidents, while providing a direct link to all first responder agencies in the six county region.

**Recipient:** Cumberland County

**Location:** One Courthouse Square, Room 200, Carlisle, PA 17013

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Cumberland County to upgrade and replace its communications infrastructure which is essential to the operations of the county's Department of Public Safety and the Emergency Management and 911 Center. As the county is planning to relocate its emergency operation functions due to increased demand for services, communications systems will be required to be upgraded and fully integrated with the state's emergency communications infrastructure. An enhanced emergency communications infrastructure will better enable the county and its first responders to react to and mitigate emergencies.

**Recipient:** Indiana County Commissioners

**Location:** 825 Philadelphia Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Indiana, PA 15701

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Indiana County for a public safety interoperable communications project. Improvements to the county's public safety radio network will provides emergency responders and government officials improved communications during incident response and

emergency situations. This system will be capable of supporting all public safety operations in the county, which will allow for increased interoperability and public safety.

**Recipient:** Lackawanna County

**Location:** 200 Adams Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Scranton, PA 18503

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lackawanna County to upgrade its public safety radio system and emergency communications infrastructure. This upgrade includes the purchase of mobile communications devices for each public safety unit, as well as ensuring interoperability capacities with the state, adjoining counties and local law enforcement. These upgrades will bring the radio system into compliance with federally mandated narrow banding levels. This project would ensure that emergency responders have the communication equipment necessary to respond to national and regional disasters, as well as builds upon regional interoperability initiatives.

**Recipient:** Lehigh County

**Location:** 17 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Allentown, PA 18101

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lehigh County for the purchase, installation and maintenance of equipment and technology infrastructure for a Lehigh Valley Regional Crime Center. The center would be a cross-jurisdictional effort involving over 50 local law enforcement agencies in Lehigh and Northampton Counties, as well as benefit agencies in Berks County. Currently, the lack of information sharing severely inhibits investigative efficiency and effectiveness, especially in cross-jurisdictional criminal activity. This project will help fill the gap in crime information and will help accelerate investigations by local law enforcement, thereby reducing violent crime in the region.

**Recipient:** Lower Providence Township

**Location:** 100 Parklane Drive, Eagleville, PA 19403

**Amount Requested:** \$300,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lower Providence Township to upgrade the township's law enforcement equipment through the purchase of digital in-car video systems, mobile data computers and roadway video systems. To protect the public against emerging threats, the township needs to utilize innovative law enforcement technology tools that can enhance crime prevention, improve police surveillance and investigation, use data and information tools, increase officer efficiency and foster multi-jurisdictional and interoperable communications.

**Recipient:** Lycoming County

**Location:** 48 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Amount Requested:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Lycoming County for the purchase, installation and maintenance of equipment and technology infrastructure for the county's Emergency Operations Center and 911 Center. The new equipment will more effectively serve the 127,000 residents of the bi-county region of Lycoming and Sullivan counties and provide critically needed services during emergency incidences. Enhanced functionality of the emergency centers will increase public safety and assist the county in meeting federal and state mandates for emergency services.

**Recipient:** Somerset County

**Location:** 300 North Center Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501

**Amount Requested:** \$349,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Somerset County to support a county wide communications systems upgrade to enhance emergency responder services. Construction of a communications tower will enhance interoperability and is vital for emergency communications between EMS,

first responders, hospitals, fire departments and law enforcement agencies within the county. Currently, no communication ability exists in certain areas of the county creating unsafe conditions and a threat to public safety. The proposed tower would result in a reliable emergency communication infrastructure increasing response time to critical incidents by law enforcement personnel and emergency management personnel.