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Representative Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Representative Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Grant County Proposed Phase III upgrade to the Public Safety Communications System in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Grant, WI located at 111 S. Jefferson St. PO Box 529 Lancaster, Wisconsin 53813-0529.

The funding would be used to install a county-wide broadband fiber optic loop to provide an alternative to the proposed county-wide microwave system. The project aims to: 1) support and operation of the Grant County Public Safety Radio System 2) Provide high speed communications for the municipalities which include 5 cities, 14 villages, and 33 towns in addition to 11 school districts throughout Grant County 3) Provide reliable communications for broadband, allowing for industry, businesses and internet service providers to expand broadband high-speed internet capabilities throughout Grant County which will improve the economy and serve areas that do not have any internet connection options.

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

Sincerely,



Ron Kind

Member of Congress