

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Highway 7 Safety Education and Enforcement in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department, located at 24150 Smithtown Rd, Shorewood, MN 55331.

This funding would be used by the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department to continue a proven, data driven program that has significantly reduced fatal and serious injury crashes along the high risk MN Highway 7 corridor, which saw five fatalities in 2024. In response to these safety concerns, the Coalition implemented a coordinated strategy combining high visibility enforcement, traffic detection technology, and a youth focused public education campaign, resulting in zero fatalities and a 50% drop in serious injury crashes the following year. This project will sustain this momentum through technology upgrades, regular targeted enforcement operations, and expanded safety messaging. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these critical measures will maintain collision reduction progress while the corridor awaits long term infrastructure redesign in 2029.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,



Kelly Morrison
Member of Congress