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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,500,000 in funding for the City of Barberton Justice Center Technology and Equipment project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Barberton's City Hall located at 576 W Park Ave, Barberton, OH 44203. The funding would be used to install new IT, security and AV equipment throughout the Police Department section of the Barberton Justice Center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds since the Barberton Police Department is responsible for providing policing services to all of Barberton's residents, as well as all businesses and visitors to the City. Thus, it will enable the Barberton Police Department's equipment and IT infrastructure to be upgraded to modern day standards as the entire facility is converted to a renovated Justice Center.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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

Emilia Sykes Member of Congress

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