



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Oskaloosa, Iowa Safe City Project located in Mahaska County, Iowa. The entity to receive funding for this project is Keokuk County, located at 220 S. Market St., Oskaloosa, IA 52577.

Funding for this project will be used to fund the SAFECity initiative, which is a public safety project designed to bring advanced technology to Oskaloosa to help keep the community safer, more connected, and better prepared. Led by the Oskaloosa Police Department, this project will use smart tools to help officers respond faster, investigate more effectively, and prevent crime before it happens. The SAFECity project is a highly valuable use of taxpayer funds because it delivers a scalable, technology-driven solution that enhances public safety, maximizes investigative effectiveness, and strengthens community trust. By integrating proven technologies such as license plate recognition systems, upgraded camera infrastructure, and real-time operational coordination software, the project will enable law enforcement officers to respond to and prevent crime more efficiently. It also includes proactive tools like modernized interview rooms, school panic alert systems, and a community policing vehicle to bolster safety across all sectors of the city, from traffic enforcement to school security.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mariannette J. Miller-Meeks".

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.  
Member of Congress