

U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. Sharice L. Davids
Kansas Third District

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Anderson County Law Enforcement Transparency Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Anderson County Sheriff's Office, located at 135 East 5th Ave., Garnett, KS, 66032. The funding would be used to support the full implementation of a body-worn camera system. The total project cost includes body-worn cameras for deputies, technical integration with the department's digital evidence server, secure cloud-based storage for recorded footage, license plate readers, GPS officer locating, and the evidence management software and administrative tools required to manage and store recordings. There are currently no other public or private funding sources supporting this project. Federal funding would fully support the implementation of this comprehensive body-camera and digital evidence management system.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides transparency and safety enhancements to the Anderson County Sheriff's Office consistent with the COPS Program.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress