



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Halifax County Detention Center Body Scanner Project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Halifax County Government located at:

10 North King Street
Halifax, North Carolina 27839

The Halifax County government requests \$225,000 for a body security scanner, to be installed in the county detention center. The Scanner would make it more difficult for inmates to smuggle drugs and other contraband into the facility. Further, body scanners provide a more thorough and less-intrusive sweep of inmates, supplementing the regular hands-on, and strip-styled searches of inmates upon entry to the detention center.

The primary project impacts are the privacy afforded to inmates in the body search process, the safety provided to both inmates and detention center staff, and the efficiency and elimination of human error during the body search process. Recent years have been especially difficult for law enforcement. It is already challenging to attract and retain law enforcement officers to rural communities, especially to serve in detention facilities. It is Halifax County's goal to continue working to improve detention center conditions and processes for the health, well-being and safety of their law enforcement officers. This project would greatly aid the County in attaining that goal.

I understand that in an era of record debt and deficits, all federal programs – including those funded by your subcommittee – must be examined for potential cost savings. Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you as you work to complete the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies appropriations bill for fiscal year 2024.

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The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Davis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Don Davis
Member of Congress