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House Committee on Appropriations

Thank you for your work on the fiscal year 2025 appropriations legislation. I respectfully request funding for the following project in Tennessee's second congressional district:

Washington, DC 20515

**Project Name:** Child Exploitation Investigation Support

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Entity: Tennessee Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force

Address: 1650 Huron Street, Knoxville, TN, 37917

**Project Description:** The Tennessee Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, housed in the Knoxville Police Department, requests \$500,000 for technology to assist in identifying both victims and offenders of child exploitation crimes.

**Project Justification:** Cases of online child exploitation in the last ten years have increased by over 3500% yet funding has only increased by 30%. Additional federal funding will better equip the Tennessee Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force to protect our children from online predators.

Federal Nexus: National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC): Public Law: 98-473 U.S. Code Citation: 42 U.S. Code Chapter 72, Subchapter IV, Part D - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the above project. Thank you again for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress