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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for a Public Safety Complex for the Township of River Vale in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Township of River Vale, located at 406 Rivervale Road, River Vale, NJ 07675.

The Township of River Vale proposes to build a Public Safety Complex to house the Township's Police Department. The Complex will serve as the primary location at which all police related coordination of information and resources to support incident management will take place for the entire municipality. The Township's current facility was constructed in 1964, fifty-eight years ago, and has been changed and modified several times over the ensuing years to adaptively re-use space to conform to changing needs.

In short, the site is constrained and expanding the facility is no longer an option. Specifically, the existing facility and site do not allow for secure staff parking, nor the ability to provide covered parking for police vehicles; there is no sallyport to bring suspects and detainees safely and security into and out of the facility, posing an acute safety hazard; the existing conditions of the facility's HVAC, plumbing, power, sewage systems and roof mean the Township is paying a high premium in maintenance and operating costs to keep the facility in its current configuration.

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

Sincerely,

Josh Gottheimer
Member of Congress