

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

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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May 2, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chaffee County Government, located at 104 Crestone Ave, Salida, CO 81201.

This project would fund the construction and retrofitting of the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the services provided by Chaffee County Sheriff's Office directly support the ~19,000 residents of Chaffee County, as well as the hundreds of thousands of annual visitors to the Arkansas River Valley region. The Sheriff's Office is integral in all manner of safety response from the Search & Rescue teams who care for across Chaffee County's twelve 14,000 foot peaks and ~800 square miles of backcountry to the daily policing across the community, taking care of calls spanning from mental health crises to criminal activities and support of wildfire incidents, making the region safer for all taxpayers.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brittany Pettersen", written over a horizontal line.

Brittany Pettersen  
Member of Congress