April 26, 2022

Dear Chairman Cartwright and Ranking Member Aderholt:

I write today in support of an important community project in my Congressional District. As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations legislation, please consider my request to provide $200,000 in funding for a public safety project as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the City of Montgomery, Ohio (Montgomery) located at 10101 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242.

The City of Montgomery has approximately 4,000 housing units and is home to 10,774 residents. It is home to Bethesda North Hospital, Ohio National Financial Services, Columbia Chevrolet, Camargo Cadillac, and many financial services institutions. Much of the community’s growth has occurred in the last 35 years as development continued its northward advance along the interstate systems of southwest Ohio.

It is my understanding that Montgomery proposes to begin a Safe Neighborhood Camera Initiative which would mount cameras in fixed locations using existing utility poles, or manufacturer supplied poles utilizing solar where supplied power is not feasible. The system proposes to combine license plate reader technologies with data analytics to determine license plate, manufacturer, color, geolocation of the passing vehicle and incorporate certain audio triggers (gunshots, glass breaking, etc.) for additional data.

Currently, the Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that 80% of all property crime and 50% of violent crime remain unsolved and that 70% of all offenses involve a vehicle. It is my understanding that this initiative would be a resource which could provide leads on a wide variety of offenses including shootings, robberies, thefts and "hit skip" crashes.

The system proposed by Montgomery is currently in use by over 1,200 cities nationwide and multiple communities within State of Ohio. Additionally, it utilizes a limited data retention period of approximately 30 days and are limited to law enforcement agencies.
As you continue to assess appropriations requests, I ask that you give every consideration of this community project in my Congressional District which will provide cameras to increase public safety in the City of Montgomery, Ohio. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Steve Chabot (OH-01)
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for a public safety project in Fiscal Year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Montgomery, Ohio located at 10101 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242. The funding would be used to improve public safety in and around the City of Montgomery through their proposed Safe Neighborhood Camera Initiative.

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

Sincerely,

Steve Chabot (OH-01)
MEMBER OF CONGRESS