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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Project K9 Hero in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for the project is Project K9 hero located at 309 Bear Pen Road, Whitwell, Tennessee 37397. These funds will provide valuable updates to the Project K9 Hero Rehabilitation and Rehoming Facilities for retired Military Working Dogs and Police K-9s. PK9H is partnered with the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and private industry that contracts with the Department of Homeland Security to perform extensive research, data gathering, and analysis of retired working dogs. This facility has saved the lives of heroes like K-9 Dutch from the U.S. Capital Police. They currently have Military Working Dogs residing there from the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force that served overseas protecting the lives of countless American service members and billions of dollars in U.S. assets. PK9H works with the local law enforcement agencies to make TN-04 a safer community by establishing and funding K-9 units in Marion and Sequatchie Counties. This facility will create jobs for local residents and help bolster the economic development of Griffith Creek, TN.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 15 U.S. Code § 272 - establishment, functions, and activities.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott DesJarlais".

Scott DesJarlais