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Representative Thomas R. "Randy" Ligon
The General Assembly of South Carolina
306-C Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Request for Critical Funding

Dear Representative Ligon,

I am requesting **\$600,000** in direct funding from the State of South Carolina, through the General Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2023-2024, to purchase and implement a comprehensive electronic records management system (RMS) to support the efforts of case management and employee behavior monitoring for the Chester County Sheriff's Office.

As you well know, Chester County is not positioned to absorb the costs of such an expense, due to our limited tax revenue. As a result, I am imploring the SC General Assembly to provide these funds directly to the Chester County Sheriff in order to purchase such a system.

Our Office has made great strides to professionalize the way in which it operates since I became Sheriff in 2019. However, due to unfortunate events over the last decade, appropriate technology investments were not made and our Office is now at a technological disadvantage in regards to how we manage the vast amounts of records we are required to maintain. These deficiencies have brought our Office to a critical point, and that is why this funding request is being made in this unconventional manner.

The entirety of these funds will be used to invest in an industry-leading, cloud-native enterprise platform made for public safety. Currently, our Office relies on an outdated legacy system that makes it extremely difficult to disseminate timely and accurate information to deputies when they need it. Our desire is to purchase and utilize a completely cloud based software that allows for real time records management, with mobile capabilities, and personnel management.

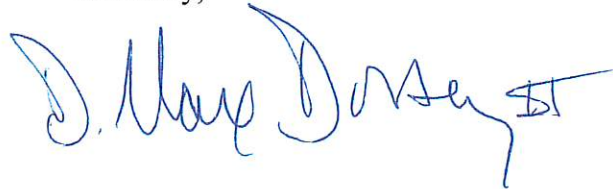
Our current antiquated system slows down officer performance and allows for missed communications, many times placing our deputies at a disadvantage that could jeopardize their safety.

Just as important, this product will allow our Office to exceed in complying with Act 218 of the 124th Session of the General Assembly. Our current system does not have the capacity for the state mandated records management to monitor the behavior of the deputies and identify early warning signs.

Right now, in order to remain in compliance, our Office is reduced to completing these records by hand which is inefficient and leaves room for human error. With a new and comprehensive RMS, our Office would be able to comply with the state mandated records system with the click of a button, allowing for greater efficiency and transparency, benefitting not only the Sheriff's Office, but the community in which we serve.

I hope I have conveyed the absolute critical nature of this funding to our Office. I appreciate your assistance in securing this funding from the General Assembly and request that you contact me if you or any member have questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Max Dorsey, II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "D" and "D" at the beginning and end of the name.

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