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c/o: Patrick Davis, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, and Phil Merkle, Acting Director, Office of Communications, Office of Justice Programs

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

We write to you to urge the Department of Justice to release its Fiscal Year 2025 grant funding for Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS). These programs are of critical importance for the state of Idaho, especially for ensuring that rural counties and law enforcement can provide justice and fair service to their constituents.

Idaho is part of the Rocky Mountain Information Network (RMIN), a RISS involving eight states stretching from Montana to New Mexico and Arizona. RMIN, like other RISS programs, provides support services for rural and smaller law enforcement agencies. RMIN has been involved in some of Idaho's most high-profile recent cases and convictions including:

- The double-murder trials for Lori and Chad Daybell, wherein RMIN provided vital support to Fremont County as they prosecuted these two for the deaths of Lori's young children;
- The conviction of Brian Kohberger for the slaying of four University of Idaho students, as RMIN provided vital information sharing across the country to capture Kohberger and bring him back to Idaho for trial; and

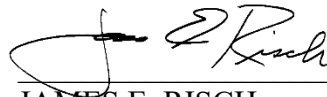
- The cold case murder of Joyce Casper, where RMIN paid for familial DNA testing to identify Casper's killer and provide closure to her family.

RMIN, like other RISS programs, ensures that rural communities can enact justice when crimes are committed. It is dependent on grant funds from the Department of Justice, which have currently been held up despite repeated questions from our staff members and concerns expressed by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and county prosecutors. As the Department of Justice focuses on providing law and order for all Americans, freezing funding for RISS programs neglects rural communities and makes them less safe. Without timely access to these funds, RISS programs will shut down and undermine hard-won efforts in communities across the country, particularly in rural areas.

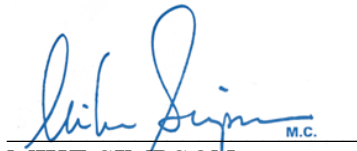
As such, we are motivated to ensure all RISS programs, especially RMIN, receive their necessary funds. **Please respond by September 22 with a concrete, definitive timeline for when these funds will be distributed to RISS programs.** While we understand that the Department of Justice must review all grants to ensure they meet the Administration's priorities, these particular grants support President Trump's longstanding support of law enforcement and his steadfast commitment to pursue justice for victims of crime. We look forward to working with you to protect and strengthen this program to keep Americans safe.
Sincerely,



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