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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Southampton Town Police Department Mobile Command Center Technology Upgrades project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southampton Town Police Department, located at 110 Old Riverhead Road, Hampton Bays, New York 11946.

The funding would be used to upgrade the police department's mobile command unit capabilities by integrating a 23-year-old mobile command unit van with new dual-band radios, computers, cameras, dispatch equipment, and monitors. The mobile command unit van serves as a centralized operational hub during critical incidents, providing a secure space for command personnel to coordinate, strategize, and make real-time decisions. Simultaneously, implementing dual-band radios facilitates seamless communication across teams, enhancing interoperability and collaboration during operations. The use of the other technology enhancements aims to optimize response efficiency resource allocation and, ultimately, ensure the safety and security of our communities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the upgraded mobile command unit and dual-band radio implementation bolster the Southampton Town Police Department's ability to manage crises effectively. The command post serves as a crucial hub for crisis management, negotiation, team coordination, and communication during critical incidents, including those related to mental health crises. Additionally, it plays a pivotal role in conjunction with the emergency service unit, drone team, dive team, and counter-terrorism unit, facilitating seamless collaboration and synergy across various specialized units. This integrated approach would enhance the department's overall response capability, ensuring a comprehensive and coordinated response to emergencies, ultimately contributing to the safety and well-being of the community as it continues to expand.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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

Sincerely,



Nick LaLota
Member of Congress