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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 Southold Town Police Department Vehicle Acquisitions project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southold Town Police Department, located at 53095 Main Road, Southold, New York 11971.

The funding would be used to purchase ten new law enforcement vehicles, which will be Ford SUV police vehicles. Some of the vehicles will be used on the village of Fisher's Island, an island approximately 30 miles away from the tip of the north fork of Long Island that is under the Town's jurisdiction.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the benefit of this project is a better-equipped police force with enough vehicles for patrolling over 55 square miles and Fishers Island, which are all part of Southold Town. Some of the extra vehicles would be deployed on Fishers Island, which our department just recently assumed law enforcement responsibility for. This project will continue to ensure the safety of the people of the Town of Southold and the ability of law enforcement to respond appropriately and in a timely fashion to emergencies.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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