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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 Suffolk County Police Department Vehicle Fleet Acquisitions project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Suffolk County Police Department, located at 30 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980.

The funding would be used for the acquisition of 67 vehicles and three roadside surveillance cameras equipped with license plate readers. Specifically, the Suffolk County Police Department is requesting 30 new unmarked vehicles and 30 used unmarked vehicles for the Suffolk County Police Department. The Suffolk County Police Department also requests funding to be redirected to each respective police department for one police vehicle for the Village of Asharoken's Police Department, two upfitted unmarked hybrid police cruisers for the Village of Quogue's Police Department, three upfitted Ford Interceptors for use as marked police patrol vehicles for the Village of Sag Harbor's Police Department, and a new police vehicle and three roadside surveillance cameras equipped with license plate readers for the Village of Huntington Bay's Police Department.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Suffolk County is home to more than 1.5 million residents. The Suffolk County Police Department has a strength of around 2,500 sworn officers, making it one of the largest police agencies in the country. The Suffolk County Police Department serves to protect all residents of Suffolk County and assists local and smaller police departments all around Suffolk County. Providing them with these critical resources will continue to keep our communities safe.

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

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Member of Congress