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May 2, 2025

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 Radio Upgrades project in Fiscal Year 2026. 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 acquire (20) multi-band portable radios.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project would allow Town of Southold police officers to communicate with officers of all departments in Suffolk County and with officers deployed to Fishers Island (nearly 30 miles from the tip of the north fork of Long Island), which is a mere few miles from the Connecticut shoreline. Additionally, the second band on the portable radio would enable officers to communicate on our current VHF radio channel. 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 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