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March 19, 2026

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 Technology and Equipment Upgrade project in Fiscal Year 2027. 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 to acquire a mobile command post, purpose-built investigative vehicles, off-road patrol vehicles, mobile surveillance and deterrence towers, heavy-duty transport vehicles, and an investigative vehicle lift to enhance emergency response, investigative operations, and community safety across Suffolk County, New York. No funds will be used for building construction or renovation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it represents a one-time federal investment that will reorient the Suffolk County Police Department's activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime, strengthen countywide public safety across 912 square miles, and reduce duplicative costs for municipalities that would otherwise need to make independent law enforcement infrastructure upgrades. The Department is the primary law enforcement agency for one of the largest geographic counties in New York State and regularly provides shared operational support to East End agencies lacking dedicated investigative and counterterrorism resources.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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