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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 Western Suffolk Police Fleet & Equipment Enhancement Initiative 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 for the acquisition of 45 unmarked and surveillance police cruisers for the Suffolk County Police Department, to be deployed across its specialized investigative units, including Narcotics, Homicide, Criminal Intelligence, Human Trafficking, and Auto Crime. The remaining funds will be redistributed to support the following local police departments: the Village of Northport Police Department (2 new police cruisers) and the Village of Nissequogue Police Department (2 new police cruisers — 1 marked, 1 unmarked). All vehicles will replace aging fleet assets that have reached the end of their operational life.

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 across the region. Modernizing the Department's police cruiser fleet — including providing unmarked and surveillance police cruisers to specialized investigative units focused on narcotics, homicide, human trafficking, and auto crime — will enhance officer safety, operational effectiveness, and the capacity to address violent crime across Suffolk County. Consolidating fleet acquisition needs for multiple local departments under a single grant also maximizes administrative efficiency and ensures smaller departments can access critical federal law enforcement resources they would not otherwise be able to secure independently.

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