Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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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 Police, Search & Rescue Helicopter Procurement in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Erie County Sheriff's Office located at 10 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14202.

The funding would be used for the purchase and upfit of a twin-engine, light utility helicopter, capable of police services, and law enforcement operations for the public in western New York State, which includes the counties of Erie, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Genessee, Niagara, Schuyler, Steuben, and Wyoming. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Erie County encompasses the City of Buffalo and its metro area, the second largest city by population in the State of New York. The Erie County Sheriff's Office currently operates the only law enforcement helicopter in the area and employs it as a regional asset. The services provided by the Erie County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit have proven to be tremendously valuable to both the public and law enforcement officers on the frontline, serving 28 police agencies in the County of Erie alone.

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,

Nicholas A. Langworthy (NY-23)

Member of Congress