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Congress of the United States

Sixth District, New York

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-305 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for the New York Police Department (NYPD) Informational Technology Bureau Tech Project (Queens, New York, Sixth Congressional District) project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the NYPD, located at One Police Plaza, Room 1104, New York, NY 10038. The funding would be used to add an additional thirty automated license plate readers (LPRs) throughout New York's Sixth Congressional District.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The New York City Police Department utilizes LPRs to assist their personnel in locating stolen or wanted vehicles, as well as vehicles associated with AMBER alerts, Silver alerts, missing persons reports, abductions reports, and other criminal activities. In a matter of seconds, LPRs can alert NYPD personnel when a queried license plate has been detected within the device's range, enabling immediate action to be taken by NYPD investigators to enhance public safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

Grace Meng
Member of Congress

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