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Chairman Tom Cole  
2207 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
2413 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Buffalo in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Buffalo, located at 65 Niagara Square, Buffalo, New York 14202. The funding would be used to support the Buffalo Police Department through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, including the hiring, training, and deployment of additional officers and the acquisition of critical public safety equipment and technology.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strengthen public safety, enhance community policing efforts, and ensure that law enforcement has the resources necessary to respond effectively to the needs of Buffalo residents. The City of Buffalo continues to face public safety challenges that require sustained investment in personnel and modern policing tools. This funding will support proactive policing strategies, improve response times, and foster stronger relationships between officers and the communities they serve, particularly in neighborhoods that have historically experienced higher rates of crime and disinvestment.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, as authorized by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, as amended (34 U.S.C. § 10381 et seq.).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy M. Kennedy".

Timothy M. Kennedy  
Member of Congress