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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 Police Department in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Buffalo, located at 65 Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY 14202. The funding would be used for enhancing public safety in Buffalo's Entertainment & Theater District.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve public safety in the downtown core of the City of Buffalo for both residents and visitors. Doing so will also have the effect of enhancing the district's businesses and organizations' economic development activities and the ability of their tourism promotion agency to market the Entertainment & Theater District as an attractive destination to tourists. The project supplements the Department's crime prevention and enforcement efforts.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for activities consistent with, and supportive of, the Office of Justice Programs' mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, 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,

Timothy M. Kennedy
Member of Congress