

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20528

The Honorable Cameron Hamilton
FEMA Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, S.W.
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Dear Secretary Mullin and Administrator Hamilton,

As Members of the New York Congressional Delegation, we write regarding delays in the restoration of critical Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) counterterrorism funding for the State of New York. Specifically, we are seeking information from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regarding \$87 million in Fiscal Year 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding that is still owed to the State. As such, we urge the Department to immediately release the remaining counterterrorism funds in the interest of public safety, state and local law enforcement, and intelligence operations across New York State.

Troublingly, since the beginning of the second Trump administration, DHS has jeopardized, cut, and held hostage HSGP dollars, politicizing a critical federal funding stream that protects New Yorkers – including the largest metropolitan city in the country – from foreign and domestic threats of terrorism. In September 2025, DHS issued formal HSGP award notifications, amounting to a staggering and unprecedented 86 percent cut to New York’s allocation. Rather than increasing or maintaining level funding for HSGP, DHS cut \$187 million in HSGP dollars, placing at risk not just New Yorkers but the state and local law enforcement agencies that benefit from these federal investments to support a range of counterterrorism operations. In practice, this would have reduced the State’s allocation to just \$30 million, compared to the roughly \$220 million that the state received in FY2024.¹

In October 2025, following fierce advocacy from federal and state elected officials – Republican and Democrat alike – President Trump committed to restoring full HSGP funding for New York State at approximately \$220 million.² Following a court order issued in *Noem v. Illinois*, the administration released \$100 million owed to New York State. However, as of the date of this letter, New York has only received a portion of these FY25 funds, leaving \$87 million in remaining funds that have yet to be fully restored. These numbers are not abstract – they represent real gaps in intelligence, counterterrorism, and security capabilities, of which New York’s state and local law enforcement entities bear the brunt. Missing HSGP funds hurt every single county across the state, representing \$11 million in losses for New York City, \$670,000 owed to Nassau County, and \$500,000

¹ Notice of Funding Opportunity, Fiscal Year 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program, Federal Emergency Management Agency. July 28, 2025. <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security/fy-25-nofo>

² Jesse Zanger, President Trump Restores \$187 million in N.Y. Counterterror Funds After Outcry. October 3, 2025. CBS News. <https://www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/ny-counterterrorism-funding-restored/>

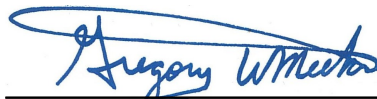
owed to Suffolk County. Without restoration of full HSGP funding, DHS is severely inhibiting local law enforcement's ability to plan, train tactical teams, procure equipment, and conduct operations. Moreover, across the last seven completed HSGP grant cycles, New York grantees have spent 99.6 percent of their awarded funds, demonstrating a track record of federal counterterrorism dollars spent responsibly, effectively, and with purpose.

As indicated by the greater intelligence community, the U.S. continues to operate in a heightened threat environment, meaning that these counterterrorism and preparedness funds are important now more than ever for any threats to the homeland. HSGP, part of a suite of preparedness grants created in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks, has for decades protected New York, the nation's number one terrorist target, and we cannot let politics jeopardize these federal investments in homeland security. One year after the President's promise to reinstate the full HSGP funding and 25 years after the 9/11 attacks, it is incumbent upon this administration to release the remaining \$87 million owed to New York State in the interest of state and local law enforcement partners, the citizens of New York, and for the greater good of public safety.

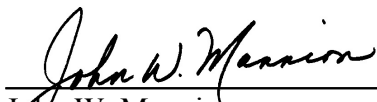
We thank you for your consideration of this request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


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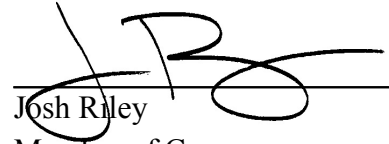

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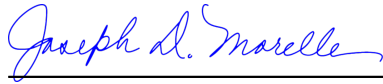

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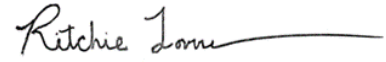
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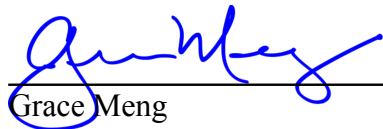
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