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April 30, 2024

United States Congressman Chris Smith Ocean County Constituent Service Center 33 Washington Street Toms River, NJ 08753

Re: Public Safety Project

Dear Congressman Chris Smith:

In conjunction with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, the Ocean County Sheriff's Office is in the process of reorganization and directed patrol necessitates cruiser fleet enhancement.

Currently we have Officers assigned to the FBI Violent Crime Task Force, DEA Task Force and Detectives assigned to the United States Marshals Fugitive Task Force.

The Sheriff's Office goal is to have both a proactive team to prevent any types of acts of terrorism as well as being a reactive team to respond to any major incidents in the county.

In order to carry out the mission we would request your assistance in obtaining financial resources to augment our vehicle fleet in the amount of \$480,000 to provide eight cruisers for the unit.

Please see the included Project Summary for additional details.

Sincerely,

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Re: Public Safety Project

Project Summary:

A much needed Public Safety Project necessitates police cruisers fleet enhancement Ocean County, New Jersey, 4th Congressional District. The Ocean County Sheriff's Office is requesting \$480,000 that cover the purchase of eight vehicles, plus all the ancillary equipment, including radios and computers.

General description of the project:

Ocean County is home to three mosques, over one hundred churches, three hundred synagogues and two hundred private secular schools. The Sheriff's Office will be working to proactively insure these religious venues are protected and secure. Anti-Semitism is an increasing problem throughout our country. Currently Ocean County has over 650,000 residents and one of six are of the Jewish Faith. The Homeland Security Unit will work to protect them from incidents of Anti-Semitism.

Benefits of this project and why is it a priority:

The Sheriff's Office will be able to respond to any Public Safety needs on a timely basis. With high visibility patrols and security checks this will have a positive impact on our residents feeling safe and secure.

Amount requested for the Community Project Funding and the total project cost.

We are acquiring eight police vehicles for the cost of \$60,000 each. The total anticipated cost for this project is expected to be \$480,000.

Sincerely,

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Re: Public Safety Project

Dear Congressman Chris Smith:

After meeting with the Ocean County Sheriff I understand and fully support the Sheriff's Reorganization efforts to protect the citizens of Ocean County. The Sheriff's Office is implementing an effort to obtain sufficient number of police cruisers to do both high visibility and covert Patrols of numerous potential terrorism targets in our county, as well as other law enforcement responsibilities. Ocean County is unique in that it is one of the largest Jewish Orthodox populations in the world with over 200 private secular schools and 300 synagogues. The county continues to see massive growth with over 650,000 residents, Lakewood and Toms River being two of the 10 most populated cities in New Jersey.

The county is committed to supporting this effort that will also be available to assist anyone of our 33 municipalities with any major incident including an active shooter. The county would appreciate any financial support to assist in implementing the Sheriff's proposal to provide cruisers.

Gary Quinn

Commissioner, Deputy Director

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Re: Homeland Security Vehicle Initiative

Dear Congressman Chris Smith:

I represent the 30th Legislative District that includes, Lakewood, New Jersey. The Lakewood Police Department and the Ocean County Sheriff's Office does an outstanding job in partnering to protect one of the largest Orthodox Jewish populations in the world.

The Sheriff's Office is implementing a Homeland Security Unit to do both high visibility and covet Patrols of numerous potential terrorism targets in our county. Ocean County is unique with the largest Jewish Orthodox population, there are over 200 private secular schools and 300 synagogues. Ocean County continues to see massive growth with over 650,000 residents, Lakewood and Toms River being two of the 10 most populated cities in New Jersey.

My office is committed to supporting this unit that will also be available to assist anyone of the 33 municipalities with any major incident including an active shooter. Any financial support to assist in implementing this unit to provide cruisers would be appreciated.

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