

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE

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The Honorable Christopher H. Smith
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Congressman Smith,

I am writing this letter to ask for financial assistance to maintain the high levels of service the Manchester Township Police Department is known for. The men and women serving the 45,000 residents pride themselves on delivering high support and professionalism. However, several financial factors have recently forced me to face the possibility of not replacing retiring police officers to remain within the economic laws and guidelines of the State of New Jersey. As our congressional representative, you are aware of the demographics of our taxpayers, and we can neither afford to raise taxes nor to cut services to our population. Additionally, being unable to replace officers will increase response times and decrease the overall effectiveness of my police force. We have also had shortfalls with vehicles. We are an 85 square mile town, and have been unable to purchase vehicles for three years. We need to replace at least six patrol vehicles each year as well as our heavier duty off road vehicles to cover the wooded areas of the township.

Since his election, Mayor Robert Arace has shown unwavering support for our mission. Over the course of my 30 years of service with the Manchester Township Police Department, we have asked for assistance from your office only a handful of times. Every time you have come through for the Township and our residents, showing your unwavering support as well. Please consider my request for salary assistance for the men and women of my very proud agency.

Again, thank you for all you do and whatever assistance you can provide.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Dolan Chief of Police

Robert M. Dolan, Chief of Police
Director of Public Safety
Manchester Township Police Department



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

ROBERT S. ARACE
MAYOR

March 31, 2023

Honorable Christopher H. Smith
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515-3004

Congressman Smith,

I am writing to express my strong support for the aid request from the Manchester Township Police Department for financial assistance. As you know, our police department has been providing exemplary service to the 45,000 residents of Manchester Township for many years, and we are committed to maintaining that level of service. However, we are facing several financial challenges that have made it difficult for us to maintain the staffing levels and equipment needed to effectively serve our community.

We are currently facing a situation where we cannot replace retiring police officers, which will have a significant impact on our ability to provide timely and effective responses to emergencies. In addition, we have not been able to purchase patrol vehicles for the past three years, which has affected our ability to provide coverage to the 85 square miles of our township. We appreciate your support to address these challenges.

I have full confidence in the professionalism and dedication of our police department, and I believe that they deserve the resources needed to continue providing outstanding service to our community. I know that you have always been a strong advocate for Manchester Township, and I am confident that you will do everything in your power to help us address these challenges.

Thank you for your continued support of our community, and I look forward to working with you to ensure that our police department has the resources needed to serve our residents effectively.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Arace
Mayor of Manchester Township

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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith
Congressman, 4th District
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515-3004

Dear Congressman Smith,

I am writing this letter in support of Manchester Township Police Department, who is requesting salary assistance for their police officers.

Any financial assistance you could possibly provide to this agency would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support and especially to our law enforcement community.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Mastronardy,
Sheriff



March 31, 2023

Honorable Christopher H. Smith
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515-3004

Dear Congressman Smith,

I am writing to express my strong support for the financial aid request from the Manchester Township Police Department. As the Council President of Manchester Township, I am acutely aware of the challenges that our police department is facing, including the financial constraints that have made it difficult to maintain adequate staffing levels and provide essential equipment.

Our police department is facing a situation where we cannot replace retiring police officers, which will have a significant impact on our ability to provide timely and effective responses to emergencies. In addition, we have not been able to purchase patrol vehicles for the past three years, which has affected our ability to provide coverage to the 85 square miles of our township.

As a proud member of this community, I believe that our residents deserve the best possible service from our police department, and I know that the men and women of the department are dedicated to providing that service. However, they cannot do it alone, and they need our support to address these challenges.

I have full confidence in the professionalism and dedication of our police department, and I believe that they deserve the resources needed to continue providing outstanding service to our community. I know that you have always been a strong advocate for Manchester Township, and I am confident that you will do everything in your power to help us address these challenges. Thank you for your continued support of our community.

Sincerely,



Roxanne Conniff
Council President
Manchester Township