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May 1, 2025

The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Grace Meng
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Meng,

As you begin your work on the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request your consideration of the following funding priorities.

1. Rochester Institute of Technology—Rochester Quantum Network (RoQNET)

- a. Agency/Bureau:** USDOC/National Institute of Standards and Technology
- b. Account:** Scientific and Technical Research Services
- c. Program:** Scientific and Technical Research
- d. Project Description:** The Rochester Institute of Technology seeks \$4,000,000 for equipment funding to develop an experimental infrastructure designed to assess secure quantum communication networks that rely upon quantum encryption. In addition to secure communications, quantum technologies create potential for enormous leaps in crucial scientific and strategic areas such as sensing, imaging, AI, and computing. This project will help the US maintain its leadership in quantum science and technology and ensure that the US captures the strategic, economic, scientific benefits of operational quantum systems.
- e. Request Amount:** \$4,000,000

2. Rise Up Rochester—Gun Violence Response Program

- a. Agency/Bureau:** DOJ/Office of Justice Programs
- b. Account:** State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance
- c. Program:** Byrne Justice Grants
- d. Project Description:** Rise up Rochester seeks \$500,000 to help support its Safe Housing Gun Violence Response program. The program provides essential services

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for people who have experienced gun violence by providing them with real-time housing relocation, court support for testifying victims, and support groups. Specifically, this funding will allow them to continue to provide dispute resolution planning, hold monthly support groups, court appearance support and transportation, rehouse families, provide first month's rent and one month security deposits, and provide frequent check-ins.

e. Request Amount: \$500,000

3. Christ for Kids Ministries—Miss Julie's School of Beauty

a. Agency/Bureau: DOJ/Office of Justice Programs

b. Account: State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance

c. Program: Byrne Justice Grants

d. Project Description: Christ for Kids Ministries seeks \$476,583 to provide sex trafficking survivors and those at risk with an opportunity to earn a cosmetology license in a restorative setting, and enter into a rewarding career, at no cost to them. Survivors of sex trafficking, referred through safe houses and other organizations, will be enrolled in a 1,000-hour cosmetology program. Our legal counsel will help students through the cosmetology board hearings, providing letters of good conduct, if necessary, to overcome any barriers to licensure before beginning the program. Students will receive instruction in the fundamentals of cosmetology, business skills, team building, and independent living.

e. Request Amount: \$476,583

4. City of Rochester—Body Worn Cameras

a. Agency/Bureau: DOJ/Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

b. Account: Community Oriented Policing Services

c. Program: Technology and Equipment

d. Project Description: The City of Rochester seeks \$210,000 to expand the Rochester Police Department Body-worn Camera program for SWAT team members.

e. Request Amount: \$210,000

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5. Lollypop Farm, Humane Society of Greater Rochester—Humane Law Enforcement

- a. Agency/Bureau:** DOJ/Office of Justice Programs
- b. Account:** State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance
- c. Program:** Byrne Justice Grants
- d. Project Description:** The Lollypop Farm, Humane Society of Greater Rochester, seeks \$344,420 to ensure they can meet the mounting need for their services by funding essential operations, including equipment, personnel, and staff time. They will acquire two additional humane law enforcement investigators and enhance emergency rescue services.
- e. Request Amount:** \$344,420

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph D. Morelle".

Joseph D. Morelle
Member of Congress