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Science, and Related Agencies
Subcommittee on Defense

March 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Rochester Community Safety and Resilience Unit in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Rochester, located at 30 Church Street, Rochester, NY 14614

The funding would be used to acquire a vehicle and equipment necessary to establish the Rochester Community Safety and Resilience Unit, a deployable platform designed to mitigate risks to Rochester's housing stock, improve emergency coordination, and support neighborhood resilience by providing immediate post-incident assistance to residents impacted by fire and other emergencies. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it delivers a cost-effective, scalable investment in essential public infrastructure while addressing both immediate needs and long-term community resilience. The Rochester Community Safety and Resilience Unit will improve emergency coordination, reduce response inefficiencies, and enhance communication among first responders and partner agencies. The project maximizes the value of public investment by combining multiple functions into a single deployable resource. Rather than funding separate initiatives, the unit will support post-incident stabilization, community risk reduction, and public safety coordination at large events.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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

Joseph Morelle
Member of Congress