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Hon. Loretta E. Lynch, Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Lynch,

I write in support of the COPS Hiring Program application submitted by the City of Poughkeepsie, NY.

The Poughkeepsie Police Department has been unable to maintain its level of sworn officers for nearly a decade. As a result, the Department struggles to meet growing demands and further fortify relationships in the region. Since 2010, the Department has lost 10% of its size-of-force causing a gradual rise to violent crime and inability to foster stronger community policing initiatives throughout the City.

Award of this application will allow the City of Poughkeepsie to hire five (5) additional officers who will be assigned to neighborhoods with the greatest incidence of violence. This grant opportunity will provide critical resources that will assist the Department with practices focused on engaging the community in problem solving, and yield stronger collaborative relationships and trust between police and local residents.

Therefore, I fully support the funding request submitted by the City of Poughkeepsie and urge your serious consideration of this application. In order to keep my office informed about this opportunity during the allocation process, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Deputy District Director, Joseph Donat, by phone at (845) 561-1295 or via e-mail at Joseph.Donat@mail.house.gov. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this request as both are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Sean Patrick Maloney
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