

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 9, 2016

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Harry Reid
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McConnell, Democratic Leader Pelosi, and Democratic Leader Reid:

We are writing to express strong support for fully reimbursing the City of New York for costs incurred to protect President-elect Donald Trump and his family between Election Day and Inauguration Day. We are disappointed that the FY 2017 Continuing Resolution provided just 20 percent of the \$35 million requested by President Obama and New York City. This does not nearly cover the amount New York City needs and deserves. We seek to work with you to ensure that Congress provides the remaining funds when we resume the FY2017 appropriations process next Congress.

The scale of the security needs cannot be overstated. John Miller, Deputy New York Police Department (NYPD) Commissioner for Intelligence and Counterterrorism, recently briefed members of the New York delegation with details of the extraordinary personnel power required to provide security in and around Trump Tower. Due to the location of Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue between 56th and 57th Streets, New York City's expenditures are truly unprecedented. According to NYPD data, as many as 7,000 people per hour walk past Trump Tower. Pedestrian traffic can increase to as many as 10,000 people per hour during the holiday season, which is in full swing. Approximately 50 buses drive past Trump Tower every hour. Furthermore, being that the building itself bears the Trump name, NYPD officials have warned that securing it creates additional layers of concern. In order to address these unprecedented security challenges and meet the high standards required by the Secret Service, the NYPD has increased overtime hours, monitors all entrances and public spaces in Trump Tower, controls and redirects traffic in a heavily congested area, and has made critical security upgrades to the structure.

The NYPD has done an outstanding job meeting these challenges, but it is not appropriate for the taxpayers of New York City to pay for a national security expense typically

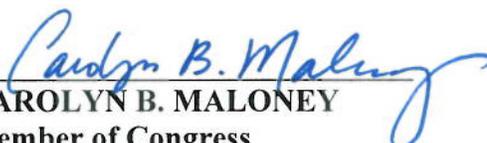
paid for by the federal government. The federal government is responsible for funding national security priorities, including protection of the President-elect regardless of where he resides.

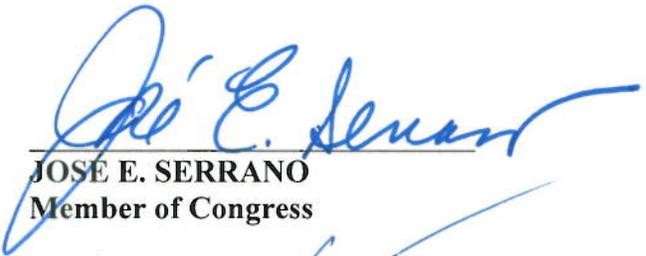
In the past, other localities have been able to recover costs associated with protecting Presidents-elect. For example, the City of Chicago was reimbursed for the costs of protecting President-elect Obama by the Department of Justice, as was Kennebunkport, ME for the protection of President George H.W. Bush. And Washington, DC is routinely reimbursed for some security costs associated with the inauguration. Based on this past precedent, we believe it is only fair that New York City be fully compensated for providing security for President-elect Trump and the future first family.

The current provisions in the continuing resolution force New Yorkers to bear nearly the entire financial brunt of protecting the President-elect. We strongly urge you to work with us to ensure that the remainder of the \$35 million in funding requested to reimburse New York City for the costs incurred to protect President-elect Trump and his family is included in the next FY 2017 appropriations bill we take up in the 115th Congress.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and we look forward to working with you to resolve this critical issue.

Sincerely,

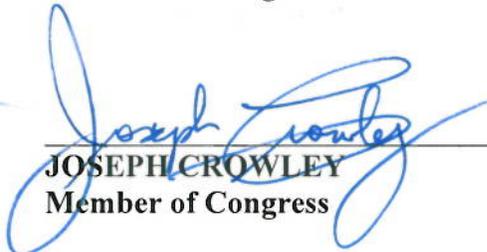

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