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The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers  
President, Board of Alders  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06511

In accordance with the Order of the Board of Alders authorizing the Mayor to accept all grants on behalf of the City of New Haven, passed October 17, 1994, I am respectfully writing to advise the Honorable Board of Alders that the Department of Police Services, would like to accept \$750,000.00 from the Federal Government, which was included in the FY26 Community Project Funding and was previously known as a federal earmark by the House Appropriations Committee.

The funds will be used to acquire "spike strips" used to end high speed auto chases safely; acquire and deploy 50 additional license plate readers that have been help in finding missing persons, recover stolen cars and apprehend murder suspects; acquire "high speed pursuit alternative" technology that allows police officers to attach a GPS tracker to a fleeing vehicle and facilitating a different means, such as spike strips and /or determining a safer location to apprehend the fleeing vehicle; and replacing the City's 911 microwave radio system that transports all of the City's emergency (both police department and fire department) radio signals. Our New Haven PSAP is one of the busiest public safety answering points in the state, with a 2025 calendar year total of 137,149 911 calls, 181,600 routine (non-911) calls, and 194,400 computer dispatch calls, with the vast majority of those calls being for police incident dispatch.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please contact me at 203-562-6632 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Zannelli", written over a white background.

David Zannelli  
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