



**THE POLICE COMMISSIONER  
CITY OF NEW YORK**

June 12, 2017

Chairman Michael McCaul  
Committee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of representatives  
176 Ford House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairman McCaul:

New York City remains the nation's top terror target because of its large population, historic landmarks, iconic tourist destinations, and unique international status. The New York City Police Department (NYPD) is steadfast in fulfilling our mission to protect millions of New York City residents, as well as the millions of people who work in and visit our city each year.

The NYPD supports the new funding levels proposed in the PREPARE Act. These levels reflect a willingness to ensure that Law Enforcement is equipped with the tools to keep our communities safe. The bill demonstrates an understanding that we are safest when federal resources are focused where the threats are.

The PREPARE Act would provide a crucial investment in homeland security preparedness, both for the safety of New York City and the entire nation. This investment is particularly important in light of the recent events in Europe and the expressed goals of a variety of groups seeking to recruit individuals from within our borders to carry out mass casualty attacks. Federal funding is essential to allow law enforcement to adapt to the new challenges by developing innovative technology and enhanced preparedness programs, like the NYPD's Counterterrorism Bureau Training Unit.

I strongly support passage of the PREPARE Act and urge you to continue to place the highest priority on protecting New York and other high-threat urban areas. Increasing funding for these key programs is critical to further ensuring our nation's security and preparedness.

Thank you for your continued support of the New York City Police Department.

All the best,

James P. O'Neill  
Police Commissioner

c: Honorable Daniel M. Donovan  
Honorable Bennie G. Thompson