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The Honorable William P. Barr
Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Barr,

I write in support of the application submitted by the Livingston County Sherriff's Office for funding from the Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program through the United States Department of Justice. This funding will be used to fund a Victim Specialist position over a three-year period.

The Livingston County Sherriff's Office was founded in 1821 and is located in Geneseo, NY. Their team serves over 64,000 residents living in Livingston County and partners with Village Police Departments in all of the Livingston County Townships. In 2017, the Sherriff's Office received 47,716 calls for service for law enforcement.

The requested funding will be used to maintain the Victim Specialist position at the Livingston County Sherriff's Office. The Specialist helps individuals address the emotional, physical, psychological, and financial stress resulting from traumatic incidents. Additionally, the Specialist provides forensic interview assistance to law enforcement, advocates for victims, fosters open communication between victims and law enforcement, educates victims, identifies resources, and facilitates services for victims. The requested funding will be used to fund this critical position over three years.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member, Dominic Sanchez, at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator