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Hon. Dan Inouye  
U.S. Senate  
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations  
722 Hart Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1102

Dear Senator Inouye:

I write to strongly urge your support in restoring \$40 million in funds to New York City as part of the federally funded Securing the Cities initiative.

New York City remains the single highest terrorist target in the United States. The potential of a terrorist attack involving a nuclear or radiological weapon continues to be a particular concern for law enforcement and these federal funds are critically important to both detect and deter these threats.

Our City has endured two major terrorist attacks and recent events have served as yet another stark reminder of our City's vulnerability. Maintaining and fully funding this program will supply New York City with the resources necessary to sustain and enhance current operations by the NYPD and other law enforcement agencies.

I once again urge that these resources be made available as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William C. Thompson, Jr.".

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