



The City of Erie, Pennsylvania

Joseph E. Sinnott, Mayor

*Patricia A. Custis, Executive Director
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (D)*

Re: Public Hearing in Erie, PA (Federal Stimulus)

Regarding the above-scheduled event, I will present testimony in reference to receipt of the following funding;

1st – COPS hiring Funding: \$1,563,720.00 for the purpose of hiring (6) police officers

2nd – JAG Recovery Act Funds: \$375,367.00 (Includes City of Erie, Millcreek Police, Corry Police and the Erie County District Attorney's Office) Purpose of funding for purchasing vehicles, police radios, AFIX Fingerprinting System and a new video recording system for the Criminal Investigation Division.

My testimony will briefly detail the historical backdrop to manpower staffing and the budgeted police complement of the Erie Police Department and how the recent economic challenges have impacted the police department overall operationally.

I will provide further testimony as to the impact of additional Federal Stimulus funding has provided the Erie Police department with needed equipment that has allowed our department to advance its capabilities in providing basic police services to the Erie community.

Thank you in advance and should there be any additional questions please feel free to contact myself or my secretary Donna Samol at (814) 870-1113.

Sincerely,

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