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The Honorable Eric Holder  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Holder:

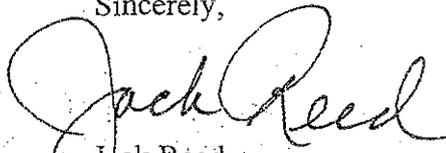
I write in support of the Burrillville Police Department's application to the U.S. Department of Justice for funding under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). Through this grant program, the department requests funding for two officers. These officers would fill vacancies that were cut and not filled due to budget cuts and loss of revenue by the town of Burrillville, Rhode Island.

The Burrillville Police Department has been dedicated to serving the citizens of the town through community policing efforts. With the current reductions in state aid and the reduction of local revenue, budget constraints have caused the department to not fill two uniformed officer vacancies and reduce the staffing of the police department from 26 to 24 officers. This reduction is expected to cause the department to reorganize and place their School Resource Officer and a detective assigned to the department's community program back on uniformed patrol.

Funding through the CHRP program will assist the town in filling the two department vacancies with new officers in the patrol division and allow the department to maintain its commitment to community policing efforts in the Town of Burrillville.

I commend this project to you and request your consideration within the applicable rules and regulations. If I can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Albert of my Providence Office at 401/528-5200.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Reed  
United States Senator