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**Re: Expansion of Scope for City of Lackawanna's FY 2009 COPS Technology Grant**

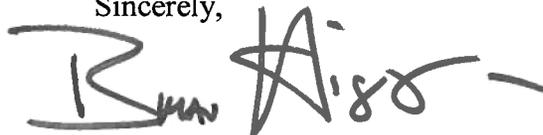
Dear Ms. Matthews

Thank you for your efforts in processing the City of Lackawanna's Fiscal Year 2009 COPS Technology Grant. I was pleased to have made the request on behalf of the City's police department and to secure these funds to help meet the many crucial needs the police department has.

I originally requested funding for the City's police force to purchase new radio technology. Per your communication with my staff, it is my understanding that the City of Lackawanna would like to expand the scope of its grant from the currently designating appropriation language of "radio technology" to include other related law enforcement technology equipment. The police department has many equipment needs and I would support this change in scope.

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office on this issue. I would urge your office to commence with the City's grant request with all deliberate speed.

Sincerely,



BRIAN HIGGINS  
Member of Congress

Cc: The Honorable Norman L. Polanski, Mayor, City of Lackawanna  
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