Good Afternoon Speaker and Assembly Members!

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Access to effective and high-quality public education is a critical component of a country’s economic and social development. In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the importance of education in promoting economic growth, improving social mobility, and reducing poverty. Nevertheless, many countries face significant challenges in delivering quality education to all children, particularly in rural and remote areas.

In the context of current international efforts to improve education, the importance of teacher training and development cannot be overstated. Effective teachers are essential for the success of education systems. They need to be well-prepared, continuously trained, and provided with the resources and support they need to perform their roles effectively.

Governments and international organizations are increasingly investing in teacher training programs. These programs aim to enhance the skills and knowledge of teachers, ensuring that they are equipped to deliver a high-quality education to all students. In addition to classroom instruction, teachers also play a crucial role in promoting educational innovation and the use of modern teaching methods.

As part of this effort, there is a growing recognition of the importance of leadership in education. Principals and other school leaders are critical in creating a positive learning environment and ensuring that teachers have the support they need to succeed.

The role of parents and communities in education is also vital. They can provide valuable support to schools, contributing to the development of a strong educational culture that values learning and achievement.

In conclusion, improving education quality is a complex and multifaceted challenge. It requires a commitment from governments, international organizations, civil society, and all stakeholders to work together towards a common goal. By investing in teacher training, leadership development, and community involvement, we can make significant strides in ensuring that every child has access to a quality education, preparing them for a brighter future.
In order to make sure we have the proper staffing levels for our organization, we need to:

- Evaluate current staffing levels and compare them to the planned budget.
- Adjust staffing levels as necessary to ensure adequate coverage.

Additional Information:

- Hiring new employees may require additional training and orientation.
- Consider implementing a temporary staffing solution if needed.

Conclusion:

- Regularly review staffing levels to ensure they align with organizational needs.
- Make adjustments as necessary to maintain optimal coverage.
Terrorism is a prime concern in this day and age. The United States of America continues to be on high alert. In order to thwart terrorist attacks on the public, counterterrorism efforts are a priority in these ever-changing times we live in. When an act of terrorism is successful, it strengthens the terrorists' confidence giving them motivation and causes greater public fear. Unfortunately, there are times when uncovering a terrorist plot is like finding a needle in a haystack. To help us in our war on terrorism even more attention needs to be dedicated to gathering intelligence, monitoring the potential terrorists and taking action by either preventing the terrorist acts or eradicating the terrorist lone wolf or cell groups. The men and women of the BCI will continue to be involved on the front line of these counter terrorism initiatives. We need the tools and equipment to protect the public and themselves in this war on terrorism.

Governor Cuomo recognizes the threat of Terrorism and has dedicated a uniform Trooper presence in New York City. Governor Cuomo identified precise locations vulnerable to a terrorist attack. The Governor first concentrated on the security of the mass transit systems by having Troopers ride the trains and be vigilant at the train stations. The Governor’s next step was to permanently assign Troopers to NYC, continuing with the aforementioned actions and progressing to special street patrols in his continuing efforts to make the people of New York safe and secure. This year as the rise of domestic terrorism continues the Governor has tasked the State Police with patrolling and securing Grand Central Station, Penn Station, John F. Kennedy and LaGuardia Airports also securing the Bridges and Tunnels of NYC. Large masses of travelers make these transportation hubs environments rich for a possible terrorist attack prior to any security checks performed by the Transportation Security Administration. In 2017 additional investigators were assigned to these locations to observe the behavior of people and monitor suspicious activity. It is important that BCI manpower be increased in NYC as the threats of terror continue to rise.

In closing, we are calling on you to ensure our Investigators and the public are safe by adequately funding the Division of State Police to increase the number of BCI Investigators, allow for the purchase of unmarked vehicles, Class C uniforms and other necessary safety equipment as well as funding new and regular academy classes. These steps will allow the BCI to accomplish its core mission of protecting and serving the people of this great state.

The issues I have discussed with you are important to the citizens of New York, the members of the New York State Police Investigators Association and all the members of the Division of State Police. I would like to thank all of you for the opportunity to allow me to testify here today. At this time, I welcome any questions that you may have for me.