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Dr. Terrence Murphy Senator, 40th District New York State Senate Legislative Office Building Room 18 Albany, New York 12247

Dear Senator Murphy:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 14, 2017, and our prior conversation regarding the deployment of New York State troopers to various crime-related initiatives in New York City and Long Island.

Our staffing is up overall and that increase is seen in almost every Troop throughout the State; however, it is difficult to break down staffing numbers at the Troop, Zone and Station levels as they are periodically shifted throughout the course of the year to address specific needs, events, crime trends and requests for service.

Attrition has averaged approximately 230 members per year over the past few years. On December 31, 2016, there were 2,876 troopers assigned to field operations in Troops, not including the 192 recruits that were in the 205th Basic School Academy. That class graduated on May 10, 2017, and were assigned to the field to begin their ten-week field training process. There are currently 2,908 uniform troopers assigned to field operations in the Troops and 208 recruits in the 206th Session in the Academy. That class is graduating on January 31, 2018. Upon completion of their field training, they will be assigned to the field as needed based on attrition and the above-listed factors.

As you are aware, the troopers assigned to Troop NYC are part of additional staffing requested by the Governor and included in our budget that was approved by the New York State Legislature. There are currently 159 troopers assigned to Troop NYC. Those troopers are part of an initiative to increase security at vulnerable critical infrastructure locations including, but not limited to, bridges, tunnels, mass transit facilities and airports. The mission there will continue to evolve based on operational intelligence and at the request of our partners in the New York City Police Department and Metropolitan Transit Authority Police.

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I hope that this information is responsive to your request and clarifies any questions you may have with our utilization of manpower. Feel free to contact me with any additional concerns.

I also want to thank you for recognizing the efforts of our members in Troop K for their increased presence in and around FDR State Park in Westchester County. I have asked Troop K Commander Major Robert Gregory to continue his efforts there.

Sincerely,
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