



City of Hanahan Police Department

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Greetings,

I am composing this letter to express my unwavering support and gratitude for Congresswoman Mace and her staff during my tenure with the Hanahan Police Department.

Law enforcement is facing unprecedented challenges while keeping our communities safe. From the nation's mental health crisis, violence against law enforcement officers, lack of funding, and the dangers faced from fentanyl, our officers need more support than ever before so they can continue to provide professional and effective services to keep our communities safe.

Congresswoman Mace's staff has been a phenomenal support system for the Hanahan Police Department. Almost immediately after my appointment, I was contacted by her office offering assistance in obtaining grant funding or in identifying alternative sources of funding so we could properly equip our officers. Her office frequently checks in with me to see if we have any needs that need to be met and offers guidance and assistance before, during, and after natural disasters.

Recently, I emailed Mr. Noah Longest from Congresswoman Mace's office for suggestions and guidance in obtaining gas masks for our officers. Even using state contract pricing, purchasing gas masks and the appropriate filters would come at a cost in excess of \$30,000.00, a large expenditure for a small municipality. Hanahan is uniquely located next to a river and railways, both of which transport hazardous materials. These life-saving pieces of equipment are much needed and would allow our team to safely respond to HAZMAT incidents.



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The efforts of Congresswoman Mace and her staff have been nothing short of amazing. With their assistance and continuous support, the Hanahan Police Department will be able to procure much needed safety equipment at little to no cost, ensuring our officers are capable of providing the best services possible while saving taxpayer dollars.

Feel free to contact me at the information above with any questions.

Regards,

A blue ink handwritten signature of Rick Gebhardt.

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