

TESTIMONY OF  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR. (NY-11)  
  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE AND SCIENCE  
  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
  
FISCAL YEAR 2018 APPROPRIATIONS  
  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
  
EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM

I would like to thank Chairman Culberson and Ranking Member Serrano, along with the additional members of the Subcommittee for allowing me this opportunity to testify in support of funding for the costs associated with protecting the President of the United States and his family starting on November 9, 2016. Specifically, I ask the Committee to fully reimburse local jurisdictions for the costs associated with protecting the President-Elect and his family from November 9, 2016 through January 20, 2017. I also ask the Committee to fund the continuing costs of protecting the First Family and, when present, the President of the United States for the period beginning on January 21, 2017.

Mister Chairman, the security burden on local police jurisdictions, like the New York City Police Department (NYPD), between President Trump's election and inauguration was unprecedented. President Trump worked and resided at one of the busiest intersections in the world - an area through which thousands of vehicles and pedestrians pass every hour, and that has become the City's number one tourist attraction. The location of Trump Tower in the heart

of America's largest city requires more complex security arrangements than have been needed for past presidents. To effectively protect him, the United States Secret Service required logistical input from the NYPD along with uniformed and non-uniformed officers to manage traffic and provide additional protections. I think we can all agree that protecting the President of the United States is a national priority and honor, but circumstances have dictated that the costs of such protection fall disproportionately on the local jurisdictions.

As a member of the Homeland Security Committee, I am deeply appreciative of the \$7 million reimbursement the Appropriations Committee included in the short-term Continuing Resolution passed last December. However, over the past several weeks, my staff and I have collaborated directly with one impacted jurisdiction to compile detailed, actual cost figures to inform an appropriations request for the full cost of protecting President Trump between Election Day and Inauguration Day, and for continued expenses incurred thereafter. While I recognize that other local jurisdictions may also face funding challenges, I have outlined the actual cost figures provided to me by the City of New York, including rationales for their inputs.

The City analyzed 25,000 patrol log entries to determine precisely the amount of man-hours spent by the NYPD and the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) over that 73-day period. The City then referenced relevant collective bargaining agreements, overtime wages, and fringe benefit requirements to determine the cost of each working hour spent in defense of the President and his family according to rank and tenure of the committed personnel. I served for 12 years as District Attorney of Richmond County (Staten Island), and I am very familiar with the wage and benefit packages for the City's police officers. I personally reviewed the figures provided to me by the City, and I believe them to be wholly accurate and reasonable.

In my opinion, the below figures represent the City's best effort to quantify exactly the costs incurred in protecting President Trump and his family. I further believe that the estimated cost of ongoing protection represents a good-faith approximation and should be considered the best available data. Of course, should you have any questions or concerns about these figures, my staff and I are available at your convenience to facilitate prompt answers.

**COSTS FROM ELECTION DAY TO INAUGURATION DAY:**

- NYPD Average Daily Rate from November 9, 2016 to January 20, 2017: \$308,242.21
- Collective Bargaining Agreement (retroactive): \$1,323,836.59
- NYPD Total Cost from November 9, 2016 to January 20, 2017: \$23,825,518.07
- City of New York TOTAL COST from November 9, 2016 to January 20, 2017:  
\$25,525,518.08

**COSTS OF CONTINUED EXPENSES AFTER INAUGURATION DAY:**

NYPD Average Daily Rate for protection of the First Family: \$127,000-\$146,000

NYPD Average Daily Rate for protection of the President and First Family: \$308,000

FDNY Fixed Annual Expense: \$4,500,000

Again, thank you very much for this opportunity to testify. I sincerely and respectfully request that the Committee fully reimburse state and local jurisdictions for the costs associated with protecting the President of the United States and the First Family from Election Day to Inauguration Day as well as the costs incurred thereafter.