



# SHEFFIELD VILLAGE Police Department

**William Visalden, Jr.**  
Chief of Police

March 17, 2026

The Honorable Bob Latta  
United States House of Representatives  
2470 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: FY27 Community Project Funding Request – City of Lorain Police Department Public Safety Technology Modernization Initiative**

Dear Congressman Latta,

As the Chief of Police for the Sheffield Village Police Department, I write to you in strong support of the City of Lorain's Community Project Funding Request for their Public Safety Technology Modernization Initiative to strengthen the Police Department's ability to prevent crime through real-time crime monitoring software.

Equipping Lorain P.D. with Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) technology is necessary for reducing violent crimes, streamlining investigations, promoting multi-jurisdictional coordination, and ensures greater public safety across Lorain. With this project the City of Lorain P.D. will be better positioned to respond more efficiently to incidents, prevent crime proactively, and deploy resources where they are needed most. Importantly, the Public Safety Technology Modernization Initiative will improve handoff from 911 to patrol, provide faster police vehicle response times, and feed the department's existing crime-analysis process, while still operating inside privacy and accountability regulations

Investments in technology-driven public safety infrastructure are critical to addressing the increasingly complex challenges facing municipalities today. The City of Lorain's commitment to strengthen regional mutual aid, advance community policing, and protect residents demonstrates strong leadership in the police force and a clear dedication to protecting the community. As Chief of Police for the Sheffield Village Police Department, I recognize that critical incidents rarely impact only one jurisdiction. Our agencies routinely work together through regional mutual aid, and the availability of this technology within Lorain County will strengthen our collective ability to respond to critical incidents, protect responding personnel, and safely resolve dangerous situations. Investments such as this not only support the City of Lorain but also enhance the safety and preparedness of neighboring communities like Sheffield Village that rely on coordinated law enforcement partnerships.

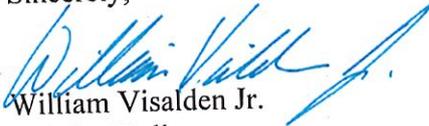


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For these reasons, I strongly support full funding for the City of Lorain's Public Safety Technology Modernization Initiative. We greatly appreciate your staff's hard work in securing this funding and your serious consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me at 440.949.6156 or [visalden@sheffieldvillage.com](mailto:visalden@sheffieldvillage.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
William Visalden Jr.  
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# AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mark E. Cawthon | Chief of Police



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Technology Modernization Initiative

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As the Chief of Police for the Amherst Police Department, I write to you in strong support of the City of Lorain's Community Project Funding Request for their Public Safety Technology Modernization Initiative to strengthen the Police Department's ability to prevent crime through real-time crime monitoring software.

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For these reasons, I strongly support full funding for the City of Lorain's Public Safety Technology Modernization Initiative. We greatly appreciate your staff's hard work in securing this funding and your serious consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me by phone at 440-988-2625 or by email at [mcawthon@amherstpolice.net](mailto:mcawthon@amherstpolice.net) if you have any questions.

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**The City of Lorain, Ohio**  
**Jack W. Bradley**  
**Mayor**

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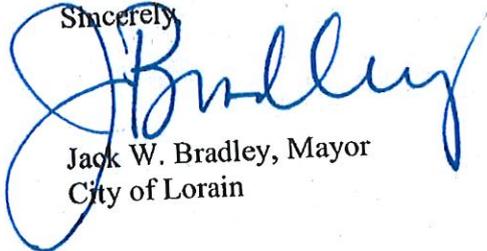
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Thank you for your continued support of the City of Lorain and for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Jack W. Bradley, Mayor  
City of Lorain



# LORAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Michael Failing**  
Chief of Police

Tuesday March 17, 2026

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