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Dear New York City area Members,

I am writing to request reimbursement for the cost associated with securing Trump Tower during the presidential transition, and to appropriate funds for the ongoing mission of securing the secondary residence of the President and the primary residence of his family.

Immediately after the presidential election of 2016, the New York City Police Department (NYPD) was tasked with the unique and unparalleled challenge of protecting the President-elect and First Family in a shared-occupancy building in the center of the nation's largest city. Trump Tower, a 58-story mixed-use building in midtown Manhattan, is located along a highly trafficked corridor of Fifth Avenue in a dense urban environment that comprises large hotels, world renowned department stores, and some of the city's most iconic tourist attractions. Such a setting for the second residence of an American President is unique in recent history.

The NYPD now serves a dual role in protecting the First Family and securing Trump Tower while simultaneously acting as a municipal police department charged with serving and protecting the millions of residents, visitors, and workers in the city. Moreover, Trump Tower itself now presents a target to those who wish to commit acts of terror against our country, further straining our limited counterterrorism resources.

In December of 2016, initial estimates put the cost of this protective mission at up to \$35 million for the period of time from Election Day to Inauguration Day. After an extensive analysis of payrolls, overtime sheets, and over 25,000 individual patrol log entries, New York has determined that the NYPD's security operations for those seventy-five days totaled \$24 million. The average daily rate throughout this entire period was \$308,000. The average through December 20<sup>th</sup> was \$334,000. After December 20<sup>th</sup>, based on more detailed information of security needs and approaching the end of the holidays, deployment was decreased and the average daily rate was \$275,000.

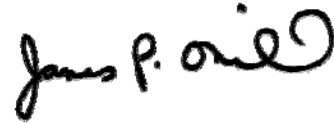
Securing Trump Tower and the area around it also required dedicated resources from other city agencies. For example, the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) has reallocated resources and personnel to the ongoing security effort. The FDNY, including the Emergency Medical Services division, has incurred \$1.7 million in personnel costs for 24-hour dedicated operations at Trump Tower during the above listed time period. These additional expenditures demonstrate the broad and evolving set of tasks city agencies perform in order to provide the required presidential-level security. These costs bring the total amount expended by FDNY and NYPD to protect Trump Tower and the First Family to \$25.7 million from Election Day through the inauguration.

As we continue to manage the new reality of protecting the President, his family, and Trump Tower, funding will be critical to ensure New York City can allocate the personnel and resources that are necessary to keep the city and all its residents safe. To that end, we estimate that New York City will spend an average of \$127,000 to \$146,000 a day for the NYPD and \$4.5 million annually for FDNY to protect the First Lady and her son while they reside in Trump Tower after the inauguration. We anticipate these costs will increase significantly whenever the

President is in New York City. For the NYPD, costs are estimated to rise to an average daily rate of \$308,000 during Presidential visits to New York City.

Approval of the above request will allow New York City to accomplish this essential dual mission of securing a presidential residence while protecting and serving the millions of Americans who live in, work in, and visit our great city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James P. O'Neill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "O" at the end.

James P. O'Neill  
Police Commissioner