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The Honorable Blaine A. Griffin  
President, Cleveland City Council  
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 216  
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Subject: Legislation to be Passed Under Suspension on October 2, 2023  
For the Purchase of Helicopter Upgrades from MD Helicopters, LLC for the  
Division of Police, Department of Public Safety

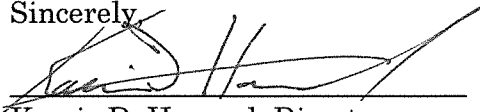
Dear Council President Griffin:

We are requesting passage under suspension at the October 2, 2023, City Council Meeting of legislation to authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into one or more contracts with MD Helicopters, LLC for the upgrade of two helicopters for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety. The Division of Police utilizes MD helicopters. The upgrade of the Police helicopters can only be performed by the Type Certificate holder for the MD helicopter product line. MD Helicopters, LLC is the only Type Certificate holder for this product line. The helicopter upgrades will be made from Fund 10 Subfund 400 in the amount of \$3,590,997.00.

Passage of this legislation is critical for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, to upgrade the Police helicopters to improve performance, safety margins, and reliability.

If you should have any additional questions or concerns, you may contact me at (216) 664-2227.

Sincerely,

  
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Karrie D. Howard, Director  
Department of Public Safety

Approved:

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Blaine A. Griffin, President  
Cleveland City Council

cc: Patricia Britt, Clerk of Council  
All Members of Council  
Bradford Davy, Chief of Staff  
Ryan Puente, Deputy Chief of Staff & Chief Government Affairs Officer