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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 March 28, 2022  
For ARPA-Funded Purchase of Helicopter Upgrades from MD Helicopters,  
Inc. for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety

Dear Council President Griffin:

We are requesting passage under suspension at the March 28, 2022, City Council Meeting of legislation to authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into one or more contracts with MD Helicopters, Inc. for the upgrade of two helicopters, including but not limited to, upgrading the engines and other necessary components, for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety. MD Helicopters, Inc. is the only vendor that can provide this upgrade service to modify the aircraft and certify the aircraft as airworthy. The helicopter upgrades will be made with ARPA-approved funding in the amount of \$2,895,605.76.

Passage of this legislation is critical for the Division of Police to upgrade the Police helicopters to improve performance, safety margins, and reliability to better enable the Division of Police to efficiently and effectively respond to the increase in gun violence. These purchases will be made with ARPA-approved funding in accordance with Ordinance No. 843-2021, passed by City Council on November 29, 2021 and are an allowable use under the Department of Treasury's Interim Rule which expires on March 31, 2022. These purchases will not be allowable under the Department of Treasury's Final Rule which is effective April 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Karrie D. Howard, Director  
Department of Public Safety

Approved:

Blaine A. Griffin, President  
Cleveland City Council

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