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**CITY OF LACKAWANNA ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION PUBLIC SAFETY INVESTMENT
SECURED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER PAT BURKE**

*State funding for police and fire departments continues Burke's commitment to
strengthening public safety and quality of life in Lackawanna*

LACKAWANNA – Lackawanna Mayor Annette Iafallo and City officials today announced a \$1 million state capital grant secured by Assemblyman Pat Burke to support the City's police and fire departments, providing critical resources to improve public safety and quality of life for Lackawanna residents.

Burke serves as Chairman of the New York State Assembly Committee on Cities and has made securing additional resources for communities like Lackawanna a central priority of his chairmanship. The \$1 million grant, administered through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), will be divided between the Lackawanna Police and Fire Departments, under the City's Department of Public Safety.

"From historic investments in school facilities to a brand-new City Hall, we're seeing real progress in Lackawanna, and I want to keep that momentum going," said Assemblyman Pat Burke. "I lived in Lackawanna when I was young and again when I was starting my own family. This community has been an important part of my life, and now, as Chairman of the Cities Committee, I have an opportunity to help make sure Lackawanna gets the attention and resources it deserves. Because here's what I believe: the hardworking people of Lackawanna deserve everything that people in any other city in New York have. Great schools, safe neighborhoods, strong public services, and police officers and firefighters with the tools they need to keep us safe. Nothing less."

The announcement was made Thursday at Lackawanna's City Hall, with city officials and public safety leadership highlighting the importance of continued state investment in essential municipal services.

"Today, we are especially grateful to celebrate a \$1 million investment in public safety secured by Assemblymember Pat Burke for the benefit of our police and fire departments and the people of Lackawanna," said Mayor Annette Iafallo. "Pat's commitment to our city goes far beyond dollars and cents. It reflects a genuine friendship, a belief in our community and a shared desire to make Lackawanna a better place to live, work and raise a family."

Lackawanna City Administration leaders will now work with its Department of Public Safety to finalize eligible capital projects and equipment purchases supported by the grant.