

April 21, 2025

Rep. Debbie Dingell
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

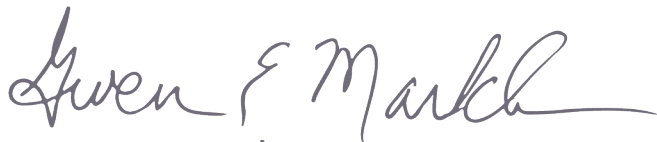
Dear Rep. Dingell,

I am writing to endorse the City of Novi's request to be considered for FY26 Community Project Funding, which would supplement the funds that would be generated should the city's upcoming public safety bond proposal be approved by voters in November 2025. The proposed bond will raise funds for a new public safety headquarters, which would include co-located police and fire stations; two new 14,500 sq. ft. fire stations in the north and southeast areas of the city; on-site improvements to current fire station #4 located at Ten Mile and Wixom roads; upgrades to equipment and technology; and construction of a connecting road to provide a direct and efficient route for emergency vehicles.

Novi's police station and fire stations #1, #2 and #3 were built between 1978 and 1981. Since that time, the City of Novi's population has more than tripled and is projected to exceed 74,000 by 2050. Its current facilities no longer meet the needs of the growing Novi community and were not designed with co-ed use in mind, presenting a challenge for the modern workforce. Although renovation is an option, the materials used in the original construction make retrofitting difficult and costly. New facilities will provide police officers and firefighters with updated technology, enhanced training areas and improved working conditions to ensure the best public safety services to the City of Novi and surrounding communities. Additionally, bringing police and fire services under one roof at the proposed public safety headquarters will improve communication and coordination, allowing first responders to mobilize more efficiently, especially during critical incidents.

I strongly urge you to grant the City of Novi's funding request. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Gwen Markham, Commissioner
District 15
Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Representative Debbie Dingell
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Dingell,

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, is pleased to support the City of Novi's proposed public safety facility improvements. These critical investments will enhance public safety services by attracting and retaining skilled personnel, improving emergency response times, and providing first responders with the modern tools and infrastructure they need to protect residents effectively.

Since the original construction of Novi's Police Station and Fire Stations #1, #2, and #3 between 1978 and 1981, the community's population has more than tripled. Growth continues, with projections indicating their population will exceed 74,000 by 2050. This substantial increase in residents has placed growing pressure on the city's police and fire departments, stretching existing resources and facilities beyond their intended capacity.

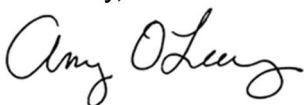
Given the growing demands for public safety and the diminishing returns from the current facilities, these buildings are no longer sufficient to meet the city's needs. To address this, Novi plans to construct three new public safety facilities and make on-site improvements to one additional fire station over the next five years. This \$120 million initiative will be primarily funded by the Novi community; however, supplemental support from state, federal, and private partners will be essential to maximize the impact of local investment.

While retrofitting buildings can sometimes offer cost and environmental advantages, Novi's current public safety facilities are not suitable for such upgrades. The original buildings feature steel and concrete structural walls, making renovations extremely challenging. Moreover, due to the outdated nature of these structures, the city can avoid escalating short-term repair costs and instead invest in modern facilities built to current standards, with future growth in mind.

SEMCOG is Southeast Michigan's regional planning partnership and represents more than 185 local governments. Our intra-regional and bipartisan Legislative Policy Platform includes a strong call for policies and resources that support the recruitment and retention of public sector employees, specifically public safety personnel. Upgrading Novi's public safety facilities will help achieve this by providing modern, co-ed-capable spaces that better accommodate today's workforce. The new facilities will also include dedicated spaces for public safety education, outreach, and community programs.

SEMCOG strongly supports our local community leaders as they work to maintain and upgrade critical infrastructure and improve the quality of life for Southeast Michigan residents. If you have any questions or require additional information regarding SEMCOG's support for this project, please contact me at 313-324-3350 or oleary@semcog.org.

Sincerely,



Amy O'Leary
Executive Director



U.S. Department of Homeland Security
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

Detroit Field Office

April 22, 2025

The Honorable Debbie Dingell
United States Representative
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Dingell,

The United States Secret Service has been a proud federal partner with the Novi Police Department for over 12 years. Since 2013, the Novi Police Department has housed the Southeast Michigan Cyber Fraud Task Force. This U.S. Secret Service led taskforce is comprised of various federal agencies and local police departments, to include detectives from Novi Police Department, tasked with investigating and dismantling complex criminal fraud groups in and around Southeast Michigan. I fully support Novi Police Department's efforts in seeking a grant through Community Project Funding.

The Novi Police Department has included us in all their facility needs studies to ensure they can provide ample space for the taskforce. We look forward to continuing our partnership and operating the Southeast Michigan Cyber Fraud Task Force out of their facility. The grant will only serve to enhance Novi's new public safety facilities and strengthen their federal partnerships. I fully support the City of Novi's funding request. If I can be of further assistance feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas J. Zloto".

Douglas J. Zloto
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