

April 24, 2026

**VIA U.S. MAIL**

Assistant Chief of Police for Standards and Training Operations  
Re: Request for Information Appeal  
United States Capitol Police  
119 D Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Appeal of Denial — RFI No.**

Dear Assistant Chief:

Pursuant to the United States Capitol Police's Public Availability of Records policy, I respectfully appeal the April 24, 2026 denial of my February 23, 2026 Request for Information (RFI No.). The denial, issued by the Office of the General Counsel, rested on two grounds: (1) that the request does not seek an "identifiable record," and (2) that the requested information "could reasonably disclose techniques, guidelines, and/or procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions." Both grounds are incorrect as applied, and the two grounds are internally inconsistent.

**1. The request seeks identifiable records.**

My February 23, 2026 request identified responsive records with substantial specificity. It named:

- A specific subject — U.S. Representative Nick Langworthy (NY-23);
- A specific location — the Jamestown District Office at 2–6 East Second Street, Room 208, Jamestown, NY;
- A specific date range — December 1, 2025 through February 23, 2026;
- A specific triggering incident — the January 2026 closure of the Jamestown District Office; and
- Three discrete categories of records (threat-assessment files concerning that office; USCP communications with local law enforcement, including the Jamestown Police Department, concerning threats to that office; and records reflecting the disposition of any investigation arising from the January 2026 closure).

These parameters permit a reasonable search of USCP records. The denial provides no explanation of what further specificity the Department would require, and none is apparent.

**2. The two denial grounds are internally inconsistent.**

The Department cannot simultaneously maintain that the request fails to identify any record and that the records it would identify are sensitive enough to warrant withholding under a content-based exemption. A content-based exemption presupposes the existence of identifiable responsive records; its invocation is inconsistent with the claim that no such records can be identified. One of the two grounds must fail on its own terms.

### **3. The categories requested do not seek “techniques, guidelines, or procedures.”**

My request seeks factual records about a specific, publicly acknowledged incident — threat-assessment findings, inter-agency communications, and case disposition. It does not seek internal manuals, investigative playbooks, or methodology documents. The “techniques, guidelines, and procedures” exemption is therefore inapplicable on its face to the bulk of what was requested. To the extent any particular record would, in USCP’s view, reveal such material, the proper course under Section 4(d)(3) of the policy is segregation and redaction, not wholesale denial. My original request expressly invoked that provision, and the denial letter did not address it.

### **4. The public interest in disclosure is substantial.**

Rep. Langworthy himself publicly announced the closure of the Jamestown District Office on or about January 11, 2026, attributing it to “repeated credible threats and calls for violence” directed at him and his staff, and stating that he was “working closely with U.S. Capitol Police and local law enforcement” to address them. Following the office’s reopening in February 2026, Rep. Langworthy further stated that “[t]hey went to the Capitol Police” regarding the threats, and indicated that those responsible would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. These statements were widely reported in regional news media. The public — and constituents of the district that office serves — have a legitimate interest in confirming the factual basis of those statements, the scope of USCP’s response, and the disposition of any resulting investigation. Wholesale denial frustrates that interest without identifying any concrete harm that would result from disclosure.

### **Relief requested.**

I respectfully request that the denial be reversed and that USCP conduct a good-faith search for records responsive to each of the three categories in my February 23, 2026 request. To the extent any particular responsive record or portion thereof is properly exempt, I request that USCP withhold only the exempt portions, release the remainder, and identify the specific exemption relied upon for each withholding, as required by Section 4(d)(3).

I appreciate your attention to this appeal and am happy to narrow or clarify any category if it would assist in processing.

Sincerely,

**Enclosures:**

- April 24, 2026 denial letter (RFI No.)
- February 23, 2026 Request for Information