

Hello,

I acknowledge that you may forget my words as soon as you read them, but, well, since you are my representative, you'll have to hear me anyway. I acknowledge that the SLESA funds must go to municipal police services and they cannot be reallocated for anything else. I just want to, briefly, note that the supply items that the WCPD is asking for includes specialized weapons accessories, ammunition, and tactical supplies for the SWAT Team as well as batteries and accessories for SWAT robots and drones. I won't argue about the bulletproof vests or protective gear, but I continue to be worried by the weaponization and militarization of local police. I mean, SWAT robots? At the very least, let's question why such high-level surveillance and weaponry is necessary.

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