



# COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

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## **Hearing Statement of Intelligence and Counterterrorism Subcommittee Chairman Max Rose (D-NY)**

### ***Local Efforts to Counter the Terror Threat in New York City: A Retrospective and a Roadmap***

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As many of you know, this is the first time in the history of this Committee that a representative from New York City has served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism. I'm honored to be joined by the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee, Mr. Mark Walker of North Carolina, as well as three members from the New York and New Jersey delegation—Ms. Yvette Clarke from Brooklyn, Mr. King from Long Island, and Mr. Pascrell from Paterson, New Jersey.

Today's hearing, "Local Efforts to Counter the Terror Threat in New York City: A Retrospective and a Roadmap," could not be more important, especially as we approach the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

The NYPD and our law enforcement agencies continue to make huge strides in keeping New York City safe. We're now the safest big city in the country.

I'm looking forward to hearing about your progress over the last two decades, and hearing about your concerns, so I can ensure Congress continues to support your work.

New York City continues to face terrorist threats. Since 9/11, New York has been targeted over and over by terrorists seeking to do us harm. And the men and women of law enforcement in this City continue to thwart these attempted attacks.

In recent years, the threat from domestic terrorism has risen dramatically. Across the country, we've seen a rise in terrorist attacks on our holiest and most sacred places—houses of worship. Just two weeks ago, Jewish worshipers in the Chabad of Poway synagogue in California were brutally attacked by a domestic terrorist. One woman, Lori Kaye, was murdered. That attack happened 6 months—to the day—after a white supremacist's murderous rampage in the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Here in New York City, in March of 2017, a domestic terrorist murdered an African-American man, Timothy Caughman, with a sword—as the first in a planned rampage targeting Black men. And of course we continue to face threats from jihadist-inspired terrorists. In October of 2017, an Islamist extremist rammed a pickup truck into pedestrians and cyclists in Lower Manhattan, killing 8 people and wounding 11 others.

It goes without saying that the job of keeping New York City safe is an incredibly complex and rapidly evolving challenge. Thankfully, we have the best women and men on the job.

As for us, Congress should be there to provide assistance where it's needed, and provide oversight where things aren't working quite as well as they should—especially when it comes to information sharing with the federal government to counter terrorist attacks. We need to make sure that you're not just sending information to federal agencies without them sharing information with you. That's why we're holding this hearing today.

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