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Attorney General Miyares' Statement on the Vote before the Lynchburg City Council to Cut Law Enforcement Funding

RICHMOND, VA – Attorney General Jason Miyares today issued the following statement on the vote before the Lynchburg City Council to cut funding for law enforcement.

"For nearly two years, I've traveled statewide talking to law enforcement about their struggles and what they need to do their job of keeping our communities safe. The universal answer is more resources. They are underfunded and understaffed - making it harder to retain and recruit officers, which makes it challenging to continue the good work that they do for Virginians every day.

"That's why I'm incredibly disappointed that the Lynchburg City Council plans to cut funding for the Lynchburg Police Department, Sheriff's Office, and Commonwealth's Attorney Office today. Virginia's crime wave has not spared Lynchburg - it is one of my office's Ceasefire Cities. This decision puts Lynchburg citizens' safety at risk.

"The City Council should immediately reconsider their vote and reinstate the public safety funding proposed by the City Manager and supported by Mayor Reed."