

Washington, DC -- U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) today released the following statement in opposition to the Administration's proposal to terminate the VH-71 Presidential Helicopter (Marine One) replacement program:

"While I applaud the President's efforts to reduce spending and save taxpayer money by cutting many unnecessary federal programs, I strongly disagree with his proposal to terminate the Marine One helicopter program. It doesn't matter if we have a Republican or Democrat in the White House – we can't sacrifice local jobs during these tough economic times or the safety of our Commander-in-chief.

"I will continue to remain vigilant and fight on behalf of the hundreds of Southern Tier residents who work on the Marine One program. I will also continue working with my colleague Congressman Hinchey to restore funding for the Marine One program and protect local jobs."

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