

Washington, DC -- U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) released the following statement today in opposition to U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates' recommendation to terminate the new Marine One Helicopter program, which is led by Lockheed Martin in Owego:

“Our troops deserve the best protection while serving our country and so does our Commander-in-chief. I strongly disagree with the Secretary of Defense’s proposal to drop the Marine One program. I will continue to work with Congressman Hinchey and our two U.S. Senators to ensure that the Commander-in-chief receives the best protection, and that our neighbors in Owego at Lockheed Martin continue doing the work.”

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