

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2506**

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for The Commonwealth of Unity, Equality, and Healing in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Innocent Convicts (TIC), located at 37 Monadnock Street, Boston, MA 02125. The funding would be used for statewide initiative advancing justice reform and anti-discrimination through legal advocacy, indigent defense support, healing circles, family support, and workforce training. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve public safety by reducing risk factors for recidivism, strengthening accountability, increasing access to lawful and productive opportunities, and improving trust between affected communities and justice stakeholders.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Ayanna Pressley  
Member of Congress