

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

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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 Chelsea Youth Violence Prevention Program in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is La Colaborativa, Inc., located at 63 6th Street Chelsea, MA 02150. The funding would be used for a comprehensive youth violence prevention program consisting of targeted occupational training, soft skill development, mental health services, conflict resolution support, law enforcement engagement, career counseling, and paid internships for at-risk use. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would support a partnership between La Colaborativa and the City of Chelsea to address underlying causes of youth violence through engagement of at-risk, justice-involved youth and targeted resources.

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,



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