

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

March 19th, 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 Building Leaders, Strengthening Communities Program in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is New Beginnings Reentry Services, located at 36 Gaston Street Boston, MA 02121. The funding would be used for the development of a leadership and civic engagement program for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals and their families. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would support successful reentry for individuals and families through mentorship, learning, and community service, in partnership with public safety organizations.

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