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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Strengthening Prevention in Underserved Regions of Hartford with Juvenile Justice and Crime Prevention Project Targeting Aged Out Foster Youth, Underserved Youth, Disconnected Young Adults project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is OPP (Our Piece of the Pie) located at 20-28 Sargeant Street, Hartford, CT 06105. The funding would be used to provide comprehensive programming into strategies for preventing juvenile crime involvement among former aged-out foster youth, transitional aged youth, at-risk youth and disconnected young adults.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this initiative seeks to strengthen our preventive measures to deter future criminal activity among current aged-out foster youth, transitional aged youth, at-risk youth and disconnected young adults, aligning with our mission to provide compassionate care and support. The federal government's analysis of crime statistics among aged-out foster youth, transitional aged youth, at-risk youth and disconnected young adults has revealed alarming rates of criminal involvement within this demographic. These youth face unique challenges stemming from instability, trauma, and inadequate support systems, making them more susceptible to criminal behavior upon emancipation from the foster care system.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John B. Larson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "L".

JOHN B. LARSON
Member of Congress