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March 19, 2026

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Crime Prevention Through Youth Development project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Police Athletic League, located at 34 1/2 East 12th St. New York, NY 10003.

The funding would be used for operating a program for 500 teenagers at two PAL Community Youth Centers located in Queens, New York, which will provide job skills training, connections to internships, summer jobs and career training opportunities, crime prevention workshops, mentorship, mental health support. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce juvenile crime and victimization, improve community safety and provide opportunities for community youth that will help them develop into happy, healthy and contributing members of the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,



Gregory W. Meeks
Member of Congress