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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 Youthpreneur Justice Workforce Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Showing Hearts Foundation, located at 204-17 Hillside Ave, Ste 142, Hollis, NY 11423.

The funding would be used to implement a workforce development and violence prevention program serving young people ages 14 through 20 years old currently on juvenile probation through the New York City Department of Probation. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it equips young people involved in the juvenile justice system with entrepreneurship training, workforce development skills, financial literacy education, and conflict mediation practices that support long-term economic stability and reduce justice system involvement.

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